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# OFFICERS OF THE CITY OF PLAINFIELD

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## MAYOR

CHARLES E. LOIZEAUX

## MEMBERS OF THE COMMON COUNCIL

MARION S. ACKERMAN, President

### First Ward

HOWARD W. SATTERFIELD

CHELSEA W. HAZELTINE

### Second Ward

MARION S. ACKERMAN

RALPH I. POUCHER

### Third Ward

WILLIAM C. HUBBARD

J. IRWIN TAYLOR

### Fourth Ward

ARTHUR E. FORCE

BERTRAM F. TALLAMY

### Councillmen-at-Large

PETER J. McDONOUGH

CHALMERS L. CRIST

CHARLES C. GRAVES

### Stenographer to the Council

WILLIAM O'BRIEN

## CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES

WILLIAM C. HUBBARD.....	Finance
PETER J. McDONOUGH.....	Streets and Sewers
CHARLES C. GRAVES.....	Fire
ARTHUR E. FORCE.....	Parks and Public Buildings
WILLIAM C. HUBBARD.....	Police
BERTRAM F. TALLAMY.....	Street Lighting
J. IRWIN TAYLOR.....	Alms
CHALMERS L. CRIST.....	Building and Tax
CHELSEA W. HAZELTINE.....	Auditing

## OFFICERS

JOHN J. CARROLL.....	City Clerk
ARTHUR E. CRONE.....	City Treasurer
WILLIAM R. TOWNSEND, resigned	
FRANK P. BALDWIN, appointed until election	
ROBERT L. LEE, elected.....	Collector of Taxes
CHARLES A. REED.....	Corporation Counsel
ALEXANDER W. VARS.....	City Engineer
ANDREW J. GAVETT.....	Consulting Engineer
JOHN R. CONNELLY.....	Judge of the District Court
ROBERT T. SKINNER.....	Clerk of the District Court
WILLIAM G. DOMEZA.....	Judge of the City Court
PATRICK S. KIELY.....	Chief of Police
WESLEY J. DUNN.....	Chief of Fire Department
RAPHAEL YOOD, M. D.....	City Physician
GARRET T. DUNHAM.....	Overseer of the Poor

## BOARD OF ASSESSORS

CHARLES A. PETERSON.....	First Ward
HARRY C. RUNYON.....	Second Ward
JOHN G. McLAUGHLIN.....	Third Ward
CLARENCE BROUARD.....	Fourth Ward
J. FRED MacDONALD.....	Clerk

## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF ASSESSMENT

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	{ Assistant Health Officer
MISS ELIZABETH J. ROSENSON.....	Deputy Registrar Vital Statistics
MRS. MARGARET ROGERS, R. N.....	Public Health Nurse
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HATTIE B. MOORE.....	Social Case Worker
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THOMAS M. MORRIS, M. D. }	Clinician Venereal Disease Clinic

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McCREADY SYKES  
MISS FLORENCE M. BOWMAN.....Librarian

## SHADE TREE COMMISSION

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HERMAN KLING.....Secretary  
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JOSEPH A. GALLAGHER.....Secretary  
A. L. SEIDLER.....Treasurer  
WILLIAM B. FORT  
C. D. WARDLAW  
F. S. MATHEWSON.....Director

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JOSEPH W. SANDFORD.....President  
ARTHUR E. CRONE.....Treasurer  
ARTHUR M. HARRIS  
WILLIAM R. CODINGTON

## RESEARCH AND ADVISORY COMMISSION

GEORGE S. CLAY.....Chairman  
SEYMOUR PERKINS  
DUNCAN W. TAYLOR  
WILLIAM G. BESLER  
ARTHUR E. SMITH

## PENSION COMMISSION

CHARLES E. LOIZEAUX.....Mayor  
ARTHUR E. CRONE.....City Treasurer  
PATRICK S. KIELY.....From Police Department  
GEORGE QUINN.....From Fire Department  
DAVIS S. SCOTT.....Citizen

## BUILDING DEPARTMENT

THOMAS BUTLER.....Building Inspector  
THADDEUS O. DOANE.....Consulting Building Inspector  
JOHN S. DAHL.....Assistant Building Inspector  
WALTER APGAR.....Inspector

## BOARD OF APPEALS (BUILDING DEPARTMENT)

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## MAYOR'S ANNUAL ADDRESS

January 1, 1925.

To the Honorable, the Members of the Common Council of the City of Plainfield.  
Gentlemen:

The intention of this, my first annual message to your Honorable Body, is to call the attention of the public to the fact that the administration of the affairs of the City of Plainfield is really a big business—a matter of collecting and disbursing annually approximately \$1,500,000 of the people's money.

The Mayor and Common Council constitute the Board of Directors elected by the people, who are the stockholders of this business. The heads of departments appointed by the Directors are the managers of the various sub-divisions of the corporation, and are charged by the Directors with carrying on the work of their respective departments honestly, fearlessly, and economically, to the best interests of the Stockholders.

As the duly elected Directors of the people's business, we are this day entering upon our duties for the fiscal year 1925. Our first duty is to ascertain the amount of revenue we can legally obtain for carrying on our city government, its fixed charges and needed improvements, without unduly increasing the burdens of our people, who must necessarily pay for our conception of the proper development of a modern suburban city. Our city's constant growth should bring an adequate increase in ratables without adding materially to the tax rate.

Our next duty is to ascertain the cost of operating the various departments of the city economically and efficiently, and to make such recommendations for necessary betterments for the public good as our legal revenues will allow. The preparation of a budget prior to the beginning of the fiscal year requires not only that the assessors enter upon their work at the time the law prescribes, i. e., October 1, and complete the same as soon thereafter as possible, but that this assessment should be actually completed and in the hands of the Clerk of the Board of Assessors not later than November 15. Under this plan the clerk will have ample time within which to compute the ratables of the different wards and ascertain the total ratables of the city, and thus establish the data necessary in order to determine a tax rate which will produce the necessary revenue for city, county, and State purposes, and fix the legal limit for which bonds may be issued for general public improvements.

You, gentlemen, I am sure, will agree that a comprehensive budget, ready by the end of December, and outlining the work for the succeeding year, would, if placed in the possession of the heads of the various business managers, enable them to plan the work of their departments efficiently and with assurance. The responsibility for accomplishing the work outlined in such a budget should uniformly be delegated to the heads of the various departments. The business managers should be directed to carry out the budget plans in a capable and efficient manner without interference, and should be charged with strict accountability therefor. Prior to December 22 of each year, the various heads of departments can prepare their tentative budgets showing the estimated cost of operating their respective departments, including proposed improvements and additions, and in addition thereto, their recommendations can be approved or rejected by department directors prior to the beginning of the new year.

For example, the Street Department Manager in his budget could recommend, besides the actual cost of operating the department, the new work proposed for the year, together with the approximate cost of the same, and his estimate, submitted as I have suggested, would allow his department sufficient time to prepare plans and specifications for such new work. Ordinances authorizing and providing for such work could likewise be prepared and adopted during January; bids advertised for and received; contracts awarded for the work in February or March. This would permit the contractor or contractors to secure materials and necessary equipment for the execution of the work and be ready to start work as soon as favorable weather conditions prevail, to the end that the work under contract could be completed before late fall. This, in my opinion, would save the city considerable money by reason of securing more favorable bids early in the year. Furthermore, this plan would tend to minimize to the contractor the cost for installing the necessary apparatus for the execution of the work, and a saving in such initial cost means in turn a saving in overhead to the city.

It was my intention to show in this message the approximate municipal budget for 1925. I am not able to do this, however, as accurately as I would like; hence I will omit it this year, and believe that we will find it possible to accomplish this in next year's annual message.

The city treasurer has given me a statement of the bonds outstanding on December 31, 1924, which amounts to the sum of \$3,216,200.00. Of this sum \$1,335,000 is for schools and \$1,881,200.00 for City requiring in 1925 for interest, \$143,883.75, and for the payment of the principal of such bonds as will mature during the coming year \$261,700.00. Total, \$405,583.75.

In addition thereto, there is a floating indebtedness, consisting of outstanding notes for improvements of \$500,000.00, and notes which will be issued for unpaid taxes \$150,000.00, and interest on same is approximately \$30,000.00, making a grand total of bonded and floating indebtedness of \$3,896,200.00.

This would appear to be the bonded and floating indebtedness on December 31, 1924, provision for which must be made in 1925.

Furthermore, the city has obligated itself by having passed the following ordinances, namely:

An ordinance authorizing the construction of a war memorial, adopted December 15, 1924, \$50,000.

An ordinance to provide for alterations at the fire headquarters building, adopted November 17, 1924, \$40,000.

Improvement ordinance No. 237 for general improvement of West Fourth street from Watchung avenue to Plainfield avenue, adopted July 7, 1924, \$75,000.

An ordinance acquiring property extending from West End avenue to the southwesterly terminus of Sachar place, adopted December 22, 1924, \$9,000.

An ordinance for the construction of a fire house on Randolph road, adopted December 22, 1924, \$35,000. All of these items must be financed in 1925, if the improvements are made.

## STORM SEWERS

The installation of additional storm sewers is an improvement which I am sure we all favor, and is a very essential improvement for the city of Plainfield, and the longer this improvement is deferred, the greater the cost will be for us. In going over this matter carefully with the committee and the City Engineer, we find that an essential want in this regard is several short sections of storm sewer, which, if constructed, would dispose of the surface drainage of the central part of the city. This project would cost approximately \$50,000.



There are two major surface drainage problems which are becoming of increasing importance as the city grows, and which should be seriously considered in the near future. The smaller of these projects has to do with an area in the west end of the city, bounded roughly by Grant avenue, Front street, Clinton avenue, Green Brook, Rock avenue, and the city line, over a considerable portion of which flooded conditions frequently prevail. The trouble is most acute along the line of the water course forming the outlet of this area, extending from a point on West Fourth street near McDowell street to Third street, Clinton avenue, Willever street, across the railroad at the International Motor Works to Front street, and thence through an inadequate sewer from Rock avenue to Green Brook. This situation can only be relieved by the construction of a large storm sewer in the general location of the water course referred to. The project, when completed, will cost several hundred thousand dollars, but its importance for the relief of existing conditions and the increase in property values which must come with the freedom from flooded conditions would fully justify the expenditure.

A still larger problem is that of the proper drainage of the Cedar Brook Valley, which includes about half the area of the city lying east of the line drawn from Central avenue at the southerly city line to the intersection of Norwood avenue and Front street to Terrill road. This comprises an area of about two thousand acres and there are about a thousand acres outside of the city the waters of which drain through the valley. Serious flooded conditions have prevailed along the channel of Cedar Brook through the city for many years, and these are bound to increase in frequency and severity as the watershed of Cedar Brook builds up, streets are improved, and other measures are taken to render the surface of the ground impervious. The danger from such flooded conditions will likewise be greater because of the increase in value of real estate along the line of the stream, and the solution of the problem will become more difficult as time goes on because of encroachments which are being made from time to time upon the water way.

Complete plans have been prepared by the Engineering Department for the drainage of the area referred to, and the works are designed to be constructed progressively as the demands on them increase. At best, however, this is a very expensive undertaking, and while no estimate of cost has been made, it is evident that the initial expenditure required adequately to meet the situation as it is today would cost hundreds of thousands of dollars, besides which additional outlays must be made as the watershed continues to develop.

The construction of sewers is an undertaking which generally does not appeal to the public as strongly as other public works such as street paving, but these sewers are essential to the growth and well-being of the city, and prudence and good judgment dictate that measures be taken at once, even at great expense, to carry out the plans proposed for the improvement of Cedar Brook.

## NEW STREET ALONG GREEN BROOK

It would seem to me that a street along Green Brook from Elm Place westerly as far as practicable would be a great advantage to the property owners as well as the city at large. This development would tend to relieve the congestion now prevailing on Front street. Therefore, if the property owners along Green Brook would donate to the city of Plainfield sufficient land for this improvement, your Honorable Body may find it advisable to proceed with the undertaking, especially if our neighboring Borough of North Plainfield would indulge in a little activity and make this new street a common project, extending on both sides of Green Brook.



## PROPERTY OWNED BY THE CITY AND NOT USED FOR CITY PURPOSES

After a conference with the Clerk of the Board of Assessors, I find the following five plots of land which are owned by the City and not being used to any extent:

Plot No. 1. Cottage place—a single lot 10 feet front by 171 feet deep.

Plot No. 2. East Third street, formerly Midway avenue—422 feet front by 163 feet deep.

Plot No. 3. 1434-1448 Myrtle avenue (Sanitary Plant)—200 feet front by approximately 700 feet deep, running back to the brook. The front end is good property.

Plot No. 4. 1636-1762 West Front street—1163 feet front by 650 feet deep.

Plot No. 5. 1634-1758 Myrtle avenue—1160 front by 1200 feet deep.

I believe it would be to the advantage of the city to dispose of these properties pursuant to the legal procedure prescribed for such contingencies.

## MUNICIPAL COLLECTION OF ASHES AND GARBAGE

In my opinion, the collection of ashes and garbage should at all times be under the strict supervision of the Board of Health by zone routes, and the collectors thereof licensed, until a more adequate system is installed. Under such a system, and with reasonable regulation of equipment, I believe the public health can be thoroughly safeguarded as far as this line of work is concerned.

## TRANSPORTATION

Now that the public bus system is coming into ever-greater general use, I am in favor of securing extensions thereof wherever possible, both as to route and number, in order that there may be no section of Plainfield without its easily reached means of transportation.

Everything that can be devised to make easier the access of the entire public to our local stores and markets will contribute to the general prosperity.

## STREET LIGHTING

The extension of adequate street lights to all parts of the City is necessarily very essential to the public, and the resultant conditions contribute in no mean way to the safety and preservation of life and property.

## BUDGET SYSTEM

I favor the maintenance and operation of the budget system in all departments of the City in its strictest sense, accompanied with painstaking care in every case, that in preparing the same, every possible call for an expenditure may be taken into consideration. The fact that we may not have reached our authorized debt limit, or that the municipal finance legislation of the State authorizes the issuance of emergency notes under certain conditions, should serve in no way to lessen our vigilance in the matter of expenditures. Let us make the future secure in the treatment of the present.

## STREET IMPROVEMENT AND REPAIR

Street improvement and repair is an ever present need. I am in favor, as rapidly as our normal resources will allow, of securing the betterment of all of our streets which do not at present conform to our accepted standard of excellence. These improvements can be of varied character and with due regard for the nature of the traffic which is likely to make use of them.

## SIDEWALKS

I am sure that you, gentlemen, are all familiar with the unevenness of our sidewalks. It would seem to me that it is our duty to see that these sidewalks are properly relaid at the earliest possible moment. This improvement would be of great benefit to those of our people who are not fortunate enough to own an automobile.

## WATER

Our city is now drilling two wells, one in Green Brook Park at the rear of the Jefferson School, and the other on the south side of Myrtle avenue, between Clinton avenue and Rock avenue. These two wells are being drilled with the view of obtaining a source of additional supply of water, which may be available, and to which we may establish a right, in order that our people may be supplied with the same pure water we are now using. My thought is that we want more than a simple additional volume of water. We need and must have the same unimpaired quality which we now enjoy, and any investigation or experimentation which produces less than our requirements will be practically of no avail.

## BOARD OF EDUCATION

While our schools and their maintenance add materially to our tax expenditures, they are not only necessary, but altogether warranted. The children of our city are not only its future citizens, they are a great portion of the present citizenry, and as against their treatment of the future the vast debt of an education is owing to everyone. I am in favor of adequate facilities for every child in Plainfield. I was surprised to learn at a conference with the members of the Board of Education that 16 per cent. of our school children could be accommodated on part time only. Your Honorable Body may rest assured that your continued efforts to find a solution to this problem will meet with my heartiest co-operation.

## FIRE DEPARTMENT

There is perhaps little to be said, except in general terms, concerning the Fire Department. The personnel, to my mind, is of first-class calibre throughout, and the methods of coping with the fire hazards, as demonstrated by our local department, must commend themselves to all citizens. I am thoroughly in favor of keeping our equipment up to that standard which will prove itself capable of meeting with the greatest possible emergency. In this connection, however, it would seem to me very advisable that the code of rules should be revised, inasmuch as we are now working under the same set of rules which were adopted in 1902, when we worked under horsepower instead of with motors.

## POLICE DEPARTMENT

The men of our Police Department are deservedly entitled to public confidence. In my opinion, they are a body of men who have willingly, efficiently and fearlessly given of their best at all times for the interests of the citizens. It is especially desirable, however, that there be the utmost vigilance on the part of everyone connected with this department, in view of the fact that there seems to be throughout the country a general tendency toward law breaking. I wish unreservedly and unqualifiedly to proclaim myself an advocate of law enforcement, without fear and without favor. I am against the existence of one standard for the man of large means and another standard for the man of small means. I desire to assure each and every member of the Police Department of my fullest support of such impartial enforcement of his full duty, irrespective of any associations other than those with his department. In pass-



ing, permit me to call attention to the fact that the manual of the Police Department needs revision in order that it may be brought strictly up to date.

In consideration of these various suggestions, I have had occasion to consult the men in charge of the several departments of our city government, and I desire to take this opportunity to express my appreciation for the helpfulness and courtesy with which they have given me necessary information and advice.

In conclusion, gentlemen, I want you to realize that my sole object in my present office is to serve the public interest, and I realize that my accomplishment to that end will be small unless I have your heartiest co-operation.

This co-operation I ask of you without reserve, and promise you in return everything within my power. Harmony between us will mean great things, I believe, for the material progress of our city, and if that be accomplished, we can rest well content with the opportunity which has been ours to serve. I extend to you the compliments of the New Year season, and hope that in the increase of the intimacy which must of necessity occur between us, we shall be able to develop that team work which makes for a bigger and better Plainfield.

Sincerely yours,

JAS. T. MacMURRAY,  
Mayor.

# TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT

## CITY OF PLAINFIELD, N. J.

DECEMBER 31, 1924

### RECEIPTS

Cash balances, January 1, 1924:

General .....	\$ 44,214.36	
War Surplus Food Account .....	2,422.60	
Library .....	8,826.44	
Martin Act Trust .....	1,382.04	
Assessment Trust .....	150,836.97	
Green Brook Park, No. 1 .....	480.48	
Green Brook Park, No. 2 .....	299.96	
Public Park Land (City Hall Park) .....	411.05	
Streets, No. 201 .....	189.98	
Streets, No. 202 .....	376.65	
Sewers, No. 205-6 .....	14,941.39	
Streets, No. 207 .....	195.63	
Sewers, No. 208 .....	347.57	
Sewers, No. 213 .....	284.27	
Streets, No. 214 .....	40.87	
Sewers, No. 215 .....	156.88	
Streets, No. 216 .....	238.65	
Sewers, No. 217 .....	236.51	
Streets, No. 218 .....	378.59	
Sewers, No. 220 .....	452.71	
Streets, No. 221 .....	152.73	
Sewers, No. 222 .....	31.45	
Sewers, No. 223 .....	72.25	
Sewers, No. 225 .....	367.31	
Streets, No. 226 .....	463.21	
Streets, No. 227 .....	460.13	
Trestle, No. 228 .....	233.91	
Sewers, No. 229 .....	345.84	
Streets, No. 230 .....	1,146.08	
Sewers, No. 231 .....	691.04	
West Front Street S. G. & W. ....	382.54	
		\$ 231,060.09
Taxes and Assessments .....	\$1,671,370.15	
Licenses, Fees and Fines:		
City Clerk .....	\$7,690.23	
District Court .....	2,990.10	
Board of Health .....	2,134.50	
Police Court .....	3,969.00	
Sewer Permits .....	249.00	
Tax Office Searches .....	1,617.85	
Building Department .....	8,393.50	
Bus Line Permits .....	15.00	
		27,059.18
Interest and Costs .....	46,790.63	
Jitneys—5 per cent of Gross Receipts .....	5,338.17	
Assessment and Capital Funds applied to Bonds, Principal and Interest (See Contra) .....	74,363.38	
Sinking Fund Commission .....	116,765.00	
Bonds Issued .....	1,084,000.00	
Cash Premium on Bonds Sold .....	678.78	
Call Box Service .....	100.00	
Librarian of Public Library .....	356.69	
Rent from Former City Property .....	100.00	
Street Department .....	8,385.71	
Police Department .....	25.00	
Alms Department .....	90.34	
Shade Tree Commission .....	217.11	
Fire Department .....	8,060.51	
City Clerk's Sundries .....	62.80	
Green Brook Park .....	532.50	
Returned Insurance Premiums .....	5.33	
Publishing and Advertising .....	36.08	
Public Service Electric Company—Rental of Land .....	25.00	
Other Municipalities' Share of Boundary Lighting .....	69.78	
Funds for Bond Maturities Returned—Bonds not due ..	6,000.00	
Library Appropriation from City (See Contra) .....	21,000.00	
Martin Act Trust Fund .....	93.26	

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## DISBURSEMENTS

Streets and Sewers .....	\$ 129,465.63
Police Department .....	76,144.10
Shade Tree Commission .....	7,619.40
Fire Department .....	123,591.29
Alms Department .....	17,500.00
Public Library's Disbursements .....	19,155.19
Public Schools .....	745,230.00
Publishing and Advertising .....	3,914.07

### Salaries:

Mayor .....	\$ 300.00	
Corporation Counsel .....	4,200.00	
City Clerk .....	4,800.00	
City Treasurer .....	2,500.00	
Stenographers .....	6,350.00	
Janitors .....	2,580.00	
Page to Council .....	50.00	
Acting City Clerk .....	466.66	
		21,246.66
Tax Department .....		8,811.73
Building Department .....		13,164.81
City Court .....		2,697.68
District Court .....		7,094.12
Board of Health .....		17,000.00
Street Lighting .....		29,196.39
Sinking Fund Commission .....		16,100.00
City's Share of Improvements .....		31,725.50
Muhlenberg Hospital .....		10,000.00
Dental Clinic .....		500.00
Pension Commission .....		5,300.00
Insurance and Surety Bond Premiums .....		873.75
Audit .....		10,403.83
Audit for Sinking Fund Commission .....		37.50
Memorial Day .....		500.00
Memorial Tablet—World War .....		100.00

### Interest on Bonds:

Sewers .....	\$36,790.00	
Schools .....	56,385.00	
Police Station .....	303.75	
Street Improvements .....	26,370.00	
Fire Apparatus .....	772.50	
Steam Roller .....	27.50	
City Hall .....	9,250.00	
Public Park Land .....	4,200.00	
Green Brook Park .....	6,000.00	
General Improvement .....	7,537.50	
Municipal Improvement .....	2,182.50	
		149,818.75

### Interest on Notes:

Tax Anticipation .....	\$ 5,988.89	
Tax Revenue .....	680.55	
Emergency .....	207.22	
School Purposes .....	1,634.72	
Fire Department Land .....	140.91	
Plainfield Avenue Storm Sewer .....	85.81	
West Front Street Sewer, Gas and Water .....	334.84	
Sewers, No. 212 .....	128.72	
Sewers, No. 213 .....	67.90	
Streets, No. 214 .....	1,700.82	
Sewers, No. 215 .....	1,170.71	
Streets, No. 216 .....	10,126.87	
Sewers, No. 217 .....	50.92	
Streets, No. 218 .....	2,020.62	
Sewers, No. 219 .....	276.32	
Sewers, No. 220 .....	115.82	
Streets, No. 221 .....	831.05	
Streets, No. 222 .....	134.20	
Sewers, No. 223 .....	64.57	
Sewers, No. 225 .....	295.35	
Streets, No. 226 .....	2,955.66	
Streets, No. 227 .....	3,203.84	
Trestle, No. 228 .....	670.90	
Sewers, No. 229 .....	1,050.49	
Streets, No. 230 .....	308.74	
		34,246.44

### Borrowed Money Repaid:

Tax Anticipation .....	\$200,000.00
Tax Revenue Note .....	50,000.00
Emergency Note .....	3,500.00

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Borrowed Money:

Tax Anticipation . . . . .	\$200,000.00	
Tax Revenue . . . . .	200,000.00	
Emergency . . . . .	19,329.89	
Interest Deficiency . . . . .	8,565.19	
Fire Apparatus . . . . .	13,000.00	
Green Brook Park, No. 1 . . . . .	25,000.00	
Green Brook Park, No. 2 . . . . .	2,000.00	
Library Square . . . . .	500.00	
Street Department Equipment . . . . .	5,000.00	
Gamewell System . . . . .	10,000.00	
Streets, No. 216 . . . . .	11,000.00	
Sewers, No. 222 . . . . .	500.00	
Streets, No. 226 . . . . .	3,500.00	
Streets, No. 227 . . . . .	7,500.00	
Trestle, No. 228 . . . . .	2,500.00	
Sewers, No. 229 . . . . .	10,000.00	
Streets, No. 230 . . . . .	500.00	
Sewers, No. 231 . . . . .	33,500.00	
Sewers, No. 232 . . . . .	43,500.00	
Sewers, No. 233 . . . . .	12,500.00	
Sewers, No. 234 . . . . .	10,500.00	
Streets, No. 235 . . . . .	12,000.00	
Streets, No. 236 . . . . .	26,000.00	
Streets, No. 237 . . . . .	1,500.00	
Police Headquarters . . . . .	26,500.00	
South Avenue Property . . . . .	11,000.00	
		695,895.08
Unclaimed Warrants . . . . .		113.10
Sundries . . . . .		8.26
		<u>\$3,767,541.84</u>

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Fire Department Land—Second Street Property . . . . .	2,500.00	
Plainfield Avenue Storm Sewer . . . . .	2,000.00	
Sewers, No. 212 . . . . .	3,000.00	
Sewers, No. 213 . . . . .	2,000.00	
Streets, No. 214 . . . . .	43,000.00	
Sewers, No. 215 . . . . .	35,643.36	
Streets, No. 216 . . . . .	136,000.00	
Sewers, No. 217 . . . . .	1,500.00	
Streets, No. 218 . . . . .	53,500.00	
Sewers, No. 219 . . . . .	6,757.88	
Sewers, No. 220 . . . . .	4,500.00	
Streets, No. 221 . . . . .	20,000.00	
Sewers, No. 222 . . . . .	3,500.00	
Sewers, No. 223 . . . . .	1,000.00	
Sewers, No. 225 . . . . .	8,000.00	
Streets, No. 226 . . . . .	78,500.00	
Streets, No. 227 . . . . .	5,500.00	
Sewers, No. 229 . . . . .	500.00	
Streets, No. 230 . . . . .	2,000.00	
West Front Street Sewer, Gas and Water . . . . .	5,500.00	
Schools . . . . .	10,000.00	
Police Headquarters . . . . .	26,500.00	
South Avenue Property and Land . . . . .	11,000.00	
Library Square . . . . .	500.00	
Fire Apparatus . . . . .	13,000.00	
		729,401.24
Bonds Matured:		
Sewers . . . . .	\$ 96,000.00	
Schools . . . . .	39,000.00	
Police Station . . . . .	1,500.00	
Streets . . . . .	278,000.00	
Fire Apparatus . . . . .	4,000.00	
Steam Roller . . . . .	500.00	
City Hall . . . . .	5,000.00	
City Hall Park . . . . .	70,000.00	
Green Brook Park . . . . .	100,000.00	
		594,000.00
Appropriation for Public Library (See Contra) . . . . .	21,000.00	
Recreation Commission . . . . .	5,000.00	
Board of Assessors . . . . .	10,477.67	
Upkeep and Maintenance of Municipal Building . . . . .	5,726.34	
Union County Taxes, viz.:		
Union County Tax . . . . .	\$162,028.76	
State School Tax . . . . .	117,446.37	
State Road Tax . . . . .	46,124.23	
County Road Bond Debt, Interest and Sinking Fund . . . . .	495.71	
Soldiers' Bonus Tax . . . . .	10,000.16	
State Bridge and Tunnels Tax . . . . .	9,423.91	
State Institutional Tax . . . . .	23,062.12	
		368,581.26
Assessment and Capital Funds Transfer (See Contra) . . . . .	74,363.38	
Public Park Land—City Hall Park . . . . .	406.30	
Green Brook Park, No. 1 . . . . .	25,763.62	
Green Brook Park, No. 2 . . . . .	2,299.96	
Maintenance of Green Brook Park . . . . .	8,956.45	
Office Supplies, Stationery, Postage, etc. . . . .	1,682.66	
Election Expenses . . . . .	1,806.32	
Board of Zoning Appeals . . . . .	239.44	
Water Account . . . . .	9,806.99	
Operation of Sewer Disposal Plant . . . . .	11,580.75	
Care of Town Clock . . . . .	30.00	
Park Recreation . . . . .	1,000.00	
Dog Pound Expenses . . . . .	2,487.42	
Bond Issue Expenses . . . . .	2,299.70	
Tax and Assessment Adjustments . . . . .	705.01	
Appraisal Fees . . . . .	75.00	
New Jersey Legislative News . . . . .	50.00	
National Clean-Up and Paint Bureau . . . . .	54.25	
Work at Parker Field . . . . .	15.60	
Sketches and Photographs . . . . .	164.60	
Safe Deposit Box Rental . . . . .	45.00	
Undistributed Incidentals . . . . .	54.33	

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\$3,998,601.93



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Street Improvements:

Streets, No. 216 .....	\$10,902.37
Streets, No. 226 .....	3,561.51
Streets, No. 235 .....	11,562.30
Streets, No. 236 .....	25,595.29
Streets, No. 237 .....	811.86

52,433.33

Sewer Construction:

Randolph Road Storm Sewer .....	\$ 687.84
West Front Street Sewer, Gas and Water..	55.59
Sewers, No. 222 .....	268.70
Sewers, No. 225 .....	20.00
Sewers, No. 227 .....	8,278.40
Sewers, No. 229 .....	10,310.14
Sewers, No. 230 .....	157.24
Sewers, No. 231 .....	34,104.39
Sewers, No. 232 .....	43,242.01
Sewers, No. 233 .....	12,213.66
Sewers, No. 234 .....	10,353.74

119,691.71

South Avenue Property and Trestle .....	20,759.81
Gamewell System .....	9,668.61
Street Department Equipment .....	5,000.00
Library Square .....	54.03
Police Headquarters .....	34,416.92

\$3,601,534.44

Cash Balances December 31st, 1924:

General .....	\$ 85,363.59
War Surplus Food Account .....	2,422.60
Library .....	11,027.94
Martin Act Trust .....	1,475.30
Assessment Trust .....	258,158.29
Green Brook Park, No. 1 .....	217.86
Public Park Land (City Hall Park) .....	4.75
Sewers, No. 213 .....	284.27
Streets, No. 214 .....	40.87
Sewers, No. 215 .....	156.88
Streets, No. 216 .....	336.28
Sewers, No. 217 .....	236.51
Streets, No. 218 .....	378.59
Sewers, No. 220 .....	452.71
Streets, No. 221 .....	152.73
Sewers, No. 222 .....	262.75
Sewers, No. 223 .....	72.25
Sewers, No. 225 .....	347.31
Streets, No. 226 .....	46
Trestle, No. 228 .....	6.52
Sewers, No. 229 .....	35.70
Streets, No. 230 .....	988.84
Sewers, No. 231 .....	86.65
West Front Street Sewer, Gas and Water .....	326.95
Sewers, No. 232 .....	257.99
Sewers, No. 233 .....	286.34
Sewers, No. 234 .....	146.26
Streets, No. 235 .....	437.70
Streets, No. 236 .....	404.71
Streets, No. 237 .....	688.14
South Avenue Property .....	12,467.58
Police Headquarters .....	13,583.08
Gamewell System .....	331.39
Library Square .....	5,945.97

\$ 397,385.76

Deduct Streets, No. 227, Overdrawn .....

318.27

397,067.49

\$3,998,601.93

# LIBRARY ACCOUNT

	Debits	Credits
January 1, 1924, Cash balance .....		\$ 8,826.44
Interest on Balance .....		213.37
Library Treasurer .....		143.32
Appropriation from City .....		21,000.00
Expended in 1924 .....	\$19,155.19	
Cash Balance December 31, 1924 .....	11,027.94	
	<u>\$30,183.13</u>	<u>\$30,183.13</u>

## GREEN BROOK PARK, NO. 1

January 1, 1924 Cash balance .....		\$ 480.48
Notes issued .....		25,000.00
Sundry credits .....		501.00
Expended in 1924 .....	\$25,763.62	
Cash Balance December 31, 1924 .....	217.86	
	<u>\$25,981.48</u>	<u>\$25,981.48</u>

## GREEN BROOK PARK, NO. 2

January 1, 1924 Cash balance .....		\$ 299.96
Notes issued .....		2,000.00
Expended in 1924 .....	2,299.96	
	<u>\$ 2,299.96</u>	<u>\$2,299.96</u>

## PUBLIC PARK LAND (ADJOINING CITY HALL)

January 1, 1924 Cash balance .....		\$ 411.05
Expended in 1924 .....	\$ 406.30	
Cash balance December 31, 1924 .....	4.75	
	<u>\$ 411.05</u>	<u>\$ 411.05</u>

## STREET ORDINANCE, NO. 201 (WATCHUNG AVENUE WIDENING)

January 1, 1924 Cash balance .....		\$ 189.98
Transferred to Current Cash Account .....	\$ 189.98	
	<u>\$ 189.98</u>	<u>\$ 189.98</u>

## STREET IMPROVEMENT (EAST END NO. 202)

January 1, 1924 Cash balance .....		\$ 376.65
Transferred to Current Cash .....	\$ 376.65	
	<u>\$ 376.65</u>	<u>\$ 376.65</u>

## SEWER ORDINANCE, NOS. 205 AND 206

January 1, 1924 Cash balance .....		\$14,941.39
Expended in 1924 .....	\$ 687.84	
Transferred to Current Cash .....	14,253.55	
	<u>\$14,941.39</u>	<u>\$14,941.39</u>

## STREET IMPROVEMENT (KENYON AVENUE, NO. 207)

January 1, 1924 Cash balance .....		\$ 195.63
Transferred to Current Cash .....	\$ 195.63	
	<u>\$ 195.63</u>	<u>\$ 195.63</u>

## SEWER ORDINANCE, NO. 208

January 1, 1924 Cash balance .....		\$ 347.57
Transferred to Current Cash .....	\$ 347.57	
	<u>\$ 347.57</u>	<u>\$ 347.57</u>

**STREET ORDINANCE, NO. 216**

	Debits	Credits
January 1, 1924 Cash balance .....		\$ 238.65
Notes issued .....		11,000.00
Expended in 1924 .....	\$10,902.37	
Cash Balance December 31, 1924 .....	336.28	
	<u>\$11,238.65</u>	<u>\$11,238.65</u>

**SEWER ORDINANCE, NO. 222**

January 1, 1924 Cash balance .....		\$ 31.45
Notes issued .....		500.00
Expended in 1924 .....	\$ 268.70	
Cash Balance December 31, 1924 .....	262.75	
	<u>\$ 531.45</u>	<u>\$ 531.45</u>

**SEWER ORDINANCE, NO. 225**

January 1, 1924 Cash balance .....		\$ 367.31
Expended in 1924 .....	\$ 20.00	
Cash Balance December 31, 1924 .....	347.31	
	<u>\$ 367.31</u>	<u>\$ 367.31</u>

**STREET ORDINANCE, NO. 226**

January 1, 1924 Cash balance .....		\$ 463.21
Notes issued .....		3,500.00
Expended in 1924 .....	\$ 3,561.51	
Unused Funds applied to Note Reduction .....	401.24	
Cash Balance December 31, 1924 .....	.46	
	<u>\$ 3,963.21</u>	<u>\$ 3,963.21</u>

**STREET ORDINANCE, NO. 227**

January 1, 1924 Cash balance .....		\$ 460.13
Notes issued .....		7,500.00
Expended in 1924 .....	\$ 8,278.40	
Cash Balance overdrawn December 31, 1924 .....		318.27
	<u>\$ 8,278.40</u>	<u>\$ 8,278.40</u>

**TRESTLE ORDINANCE, NO. 228**

January 1, 1924 Cash balance .....		\$ 233.91
Notes issued .....		3,000.00
Expended in 1924 .....	\$ 3,227.39	
Cash Balance December 31, 1924 .....	6.52	
	<u>\$ 3,233.91</u>	<u>\$ 3,233.91</u>

**SEWER ORDINANCE, NO. 229**

January 1, 1924, Cash balance .....		\$ 345.84
Notes issued .....		10,000.00
Expended in 1924 .....	\$10,310.14	
Cash Balance December 31, 1924 .....	35.70	
	<u>\$10,345.84</u>	<u>\$10,345.84</u>

**STREET ORDINANCE, NO. 230**

January 1, 1924 Cash balance .....		\$ 1,146.08
Expended in 1924 .....	\$ 157.24	
Cash Balance December 31, 1924 .....	988.84	
	<u>\$ 1,146.08</u>	<u>\$ 1,146.08</u>

**SEWER ORDINANCE, NO. 231**

January 1, 1924 Cash Balance .....		\$ 691.04
Notes issued .....		33,500.00
Expended in 1924 .....	\$34,104.39	
Cash Balance December 31, 1924 .....	86.65	
	<u>\$34,191.04</u>	<u>\$34,191.04</u>



**SEWER ORDINANCE, NO. 232**

	Debits	Credits
Notes issued . . . . .		\$43,500.00
Expended in 1924 . . . . .	\$43,242.01	
Cash Balance December 31, 1924 . . . . .	257.99	
	<u>\$43,500.00</u>	<u>\$43,500.00</u>

**SEWER ORDINANCE, NO. 233**

Notes issued . . . . .		\$12,500.00
Expended in 1924 . . . . .	\$12,213.66	
Cash Balance December 31, 1924 . . . . .	286.34	
	<u>\$12,500.00</u>	<u>\$12,500.00</u>

**SEWER ORDINANCE, NO. 234**

Notes issued . . . . .		\$10,500.00
Expended in 1924 . . . . .	\$10,353.74	
Cash Balance December 31, 1924 . . . . .	146.26	
	<u>\$10,500.00</u>	<u>\$10,500.00</u>

**STREET ORDINANCE, NO. 235**

Notes issued . . . . .		\$12,000.00
Expended in 1924 . . . . .	\$11,562.30	
Cash Balance December 31, 1924 . . . . .	437.70	
	<u>\$12,000.00</u>	<u>\$12,000.00</u>

**STREET ORDINANCE, NO. 236**

Notes issued . . . . .		\$26,000.00
Expended in 1924 . . . . .	\$25,595.29	
Cash Balance December 31, 1924 . . . . .	404.71	
	<u>\$26,000.00</u>	<u>\$26,000.00</u>

**STREET ORDINANCE, NO. 237**

Notes issued . . . . .		\$ 1,500.00
Expended in 1924 . . . . .	\$ 811.86	
Cash Balance December 31, 1924 . . . . .	688.14	
	<u>\$ 1,500.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,500.00</u>

**SOUTH AVENUE PROPERTY**

Participation in Bond Issue . . . . .		\$30,000.00
Expended in 1924 . . . . .	\$17,532.42	
Cash Balance December 31, 1924 . . . . .	12,467.58	
	<u>\$30,000.00</u>	<u>\$30,000.00</u>

**POLICE HEADQUARTERS**

Participation in Bond Issue . . . . .		\$48,000.00
Expended in 1924 . . . . .	\$34,416.92	
Cash Balance December 31, 1924 . . . . .	13,583.08	
	<u>\$48,000.00</u>	<u>\$48,000.00</u>

**GAMEWELL SYSTEM**

Notes issued . . . . .		\$10,000.00
Expended in 1924 . . . . .	\$ 9,668.61	
Cash Balance December 31, 1924 . . . . .	331.39	
	<u>\$10,000.00</u>	<u>\$10,000.00</u>

**LIBRARY SQUARE**

Participation in Bond Issue . . . . .		\$ 6,000.00
Expended in 1924 . . . . .	\$ 54.03	
Cash Balance December 31, 1924 . . . . .	5,945.97	
	<u>\$ 6,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 6,000.00</u>

# BONDS OUTSTANDING DECEMBER 31, 1924

## SEWERS

Issue and Date	Original Issue	Paid or Otherwise Cancelled	Outstanding
January 1, 1897.....4%	\$124,000.00	\$114,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
May 1, 1902.....4%	41,000.00	.....	41,000.00
May 1, 1907.....4½%	68,000.00	34,000.00	34,000.00
November 1, 1909.....4%	43,000.00	.....	43,000.00
November 1, 1914.....5%	92,000.00	.....	92,000.00
April 1, 1914...4½% and 5%	288,000.00	32,000.00	256,000.00
December 1, 1919.....5%	216,000.00	30,000.00	186,000.00
			<u>\$662,000.00</u>

## SCHOOLS

June 1, 1904.....4%	\$123,000.00	\$65,000.00	\$58,000.00
July 1, 1908.....4½%	95,000.00	.....	95,000.00
November 1, 1909.....4%	45,000.00	.....	45,000.00
July 1, 1911.....4%	40,000.00	.....	40,000.00
January 1, 1913.....4½%	230,000.00	6,000.00	224,000.00
March 1, 1915.....4½%	96,000.00	.....	96,000.00
June 1, 1916.....4½%	30,000.00	.....	30,000.00
August 15, 1919.....5%	140,000.00	26,000.00	114,000.00
July 1, 1921.....6%	25,000.00	6,000.00	19,000.00
February 1, 1922.....5%	12,000.00	2,000.00	10,000.00
May 1, 1922.....4½%	115,000.00	5,000.00	110,000.00
June 1, 1922.....4½%	275,000.00	13,000.00	262,000.00
July 1, 1924.....4½%	246,000.00	13,000.00	233,000.00
			<u>\$1,336,000.00</u>

## POLICE HEADQUARTERS

July 1, 1908.....4½%	\$25,500.00	\$19,500.00	..... 6,000.00
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## STREETS

July 2, 1917.....4½%	\$142,000.00	\$60,000.00	\$82,000.00
September 1, 1921.....6%	110,000.00	2,000.00	108,000.00
			<u>190,000.00</u>

## FIRE APPARATUS

December 1, 1917.....5%	\$7,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$1,000.00
February 1, 1922.....5%	14,900.00	3,000.00	11,900.00
			<u>12,900.00</u>

## STEAM ROLLER

May 1, 1918.....5%	2,800.00	\$2,500.00	..... 300.00
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## CITY HALL

December 1, 1919.....5%	\$200,000.00	\$20,000.00	..... 180,000.00
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## MUNICIPAL IMPROVEMENT (a)

July 1, 1924.....4½%	\$97,000.00	.....	97,000.00
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## GENERAL IMPROVEMENT (b)

July 1, 1924.....4½%	\$335,000.00	.....	335,000.00
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## PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT (c)

November 1, 1924.....4½%	\$406,000.00	\$8,000.00	... 398,000.00
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Bonds Outstanding December 31, 1924.....\$3,217,200.00

- (a) Police Headquarters
- Fire Apparatus
- South Avenue Property
- Library Square

- (b) Streets and Sewers

- (c) Streets, Sewers, City Hall Park, and Green Brook Park  
(Refunding temporary bonds)

## FLOATING DEBT TO BE PAID BY ASSESSMENT, BOND ISSUE, OR BUDGET APPROPRIATION

### Notes for Money Borrowed:

Sanitary and Storm Sewers .....	\$131,000.00
Fire Department Property .....	2,500.00
Street Improvement .....	220,000.00
Green Brook Park, No. 1, Development .....	64,500.00
Green Brook Park, No. 2, Development .....	20,000.00
Construction of Trestle .....	16,500.00
Tax Revenue .....	200,000.00
School Purposes .....	25,000.00
Emergency and Interest Deficiency .....	27,895.08
Gamewell System .....	10,000.00
<u>\$717,395.08</u>	

## BOND TABLE, DECEMBER 31, 1924

Year Due	Sewers	Schools	City Hall	Streets	Police Hdqts.	Fire Apparatus	Steam Roller	General Improvement	Municipal Improvement	Public Improvement	Totals
1925.....	\$18,000.00	\$27,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$118,000.00	\$1,500.00	\$3,000.00	\$300.00	\$40,000.00	.....	\$42,000.00	\$254,800.00
1926.....	23,000.00	34,000.00	5,000.00	10,000.00	1,500.00	2,000.00	.....	40,000.00	.....	42,000.00	162,500.00
1927.....	23,000.00	35,000.00	5,000.00	10,000.00	1,500.00	2,000.00	.....	40,000.00	5,000.00	21,000.00	142,500.00
1928.....	23,000.00	35,000.00	5,000.00	10,000.00	1,500.00	2,000.00	.....	40,000.00	5,000.00	21,000.00	142,500.00
1929.....	23,000.00	35,000.00	5,000.00	10,000.00	.....	2,000.00	.....	40,000.00	5,000.00	7,000.00	127,000.00
1930.....	23,000.00	34,000.00	5,000.00	10,000.00	.....	1,900.00	.....	42,000.00	7,000.00	7,000.00	123,900.00
1931.....	23,000.00	34,000.00	5,000.00	10,000.00	.....	.....	.....	4,000.00	7,000.00	7,000.00	90,000.00
1932.....	23,000.00	31,000.00	5,000.00	10,000.00	.....	.....	.....	4,000.00	7,000.00	7,000.00	87,000.00
1933.....	23,000.00	34,000.00	5,000.00	10,000.00	.....	.....	.....	4,000.00	7,000.00	7,000.00	82,000.00
1934.....	23,000.00	36,000.00	5,000.00	2,000.00	.....	.....	.....	4,000.00	7,000.00	7,000.00	82,000.00
1935.....	24,000.00	32,000.00	5,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	5,000.00	7,000.00	7,000.00	80,000.00
1936.....	24,000.00	34,000.00	5,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	5,000.00	7,000.00	7,000.00	82,000.00
1937.....	24,000.00	34,000.00	5,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	5,000.00	7,000.00	7,000.00	82,000.00
1938.....	24,000.00	35,000.00	5,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	5,000.00	7,000.00	7,000.00	83,000.00
1939.....	24,000.00	35,000.00	5,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	5,000.00	7,000.00	10,000.00	86,000.00
1940.....	24,000.00	35,000.00	5,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	5,000.00	7,000.00	10,000.00	86,000.00
1941.....	24,000.00	35,000.00	5,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	5,000.00	7,000.00	10,000.00	86,000.00
1942.....	23,000.00	35,000.00	5,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	5,000.00	7,000.00	10,000.00	86,000.00
1943.....	22,000.00	36,000.00	5,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	5,000.00	7,000.00	10,000.00	79,000.00
1944.....	21,000.00	38,000.00	5,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	5,000.00	7,000.00	10,000.00	78,000.00
1945.....	21,000.00	38,000.00	5,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	5,000.00	7,000.00	10,000.00	78,000.00
1946.....	21,000.00	38,000.00	5,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	5,000.00	7,000.00	10,000.00	79,000.00
1947.....	21,000.00	37,000.00	5,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	5,000.00	7,000.00	10,000.00	79,000.00
1948.....	21,000.00	33,000.00	5,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	5,000.00	7,000.00	10,000.00	79,000.00
1949.....	21,000.00	33,000.00	5,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	5,000.00	7,000.00	10,000.00	78,000.00
1950.....	21,000.00	33,000.00	6,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	5,000.00	7,000.00	10,000.00	74,000.00
1951.....	21,000.00	33,000.00	6,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	6,000.00	7,000.00	10,000.00	76,000.00
1952.....	21,000.00	26,000.00	6,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7,000.00	10,000.00	70,000.00
1953.....	21,000.00	19,000.00	6,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7,000.00	10,000.00	70,000.00
1954.....	8,000.00	19,000.00	6,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7,000.00	10,000.00	63,000.00
1955.....	6,000.00	22,000.00	6,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7,000.00	10,000.00	56,000.00
1956.....	.....	22,000.00	6,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7,000.00	10,000.00	43,000.00
1957.....	.....	22,000.00	6,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7,000.00	10,000.00	44,000.00
1958.....	.....	22,000.00	6,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7,000.00	10,000.00	38,000.00
1959.....	.....	117,000.00	6,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7,000.00	10,000.00	38,000.00
1960.....	.....	67,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7,000.00	10,000.00	133,000.00
1961.....	.....	22,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7,000.00	2,000.00	69,000.00
1962.....	.....	20,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7,000.00	.....	22,000.00
1963.....	.....	14,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7,000.00	.....	20,000.00
1964.....	.....	13,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7,000.00	.....	14,000.00
1965.....	.....	13,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7,000.00	.....	13,000.00
1966.....	.....	11,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7,000.00	.....	13,000.00
1967.....	.....	11,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7,000.00	.....	11,000.00
1968.....	.....	11,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7,000.00	.....	11,000.00
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1973.....	.....	11,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7,000.00	.....	11,000.00
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1981.....	.....	11,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7,000.00	.....	11,000.00
1982.....	.....	11,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7,000.00	.....	11,000.00
1983.....	.....	11,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7,000.00	.....	11,000.00
1984.....	.....	11,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7,000.00	.....	11,000.00
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1986.....	.....	11,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7,000.00	.....	11,000.00
1987.....	.....	11,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7,000.00	.....	11,000.00
1988.....	.....	11,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7,000.00	.....	11,000.00
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1994.....	.....	11,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7,000.00	.....	11,000.00
1995.....	.....	11,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7,000.00	.....	11,000.00
1996.....	.....	11,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7,000.00	.....	11,000.00
1997.....	.....	11,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7,000.00	.....	11,000.00
1998.....	.....	11,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7,000.00	.....	11,000.00
1999.....	.....	11,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7,000.00	.....	11,000.00
2000.....	.....	11,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7,000.00	.....	11,000.00
2001.....	.....	11,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7,000.00	.....	11,000.00
2002.....	.....	11,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7,000.00	.....	11,000.00
2003.....	.....	11,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7,000.00	.....	11,000.00
2004.....	.....	11,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7,000.00	.....	11,000.00
2005.....	.....	11,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7,000.00	.....	11,000.00
2006.....	.....	11,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7,000.00	.....	11,000.00
2007.....	.....	11,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7,000.00	.....	11,000.00
2008.....	.....	11,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7,000.00	.....	11,000.00
2009.....	.....	11,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7,000.00	.....	11,000.00
2010.....	.....	11,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7,000.00	.....	11,000.00
2011.....	.....	11,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7,000.00	.....	11,000.00
2012.....	.....	11,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7,000.00	.....	11,000.00
2013.....	.....	11,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7,000.00	.....	11,000.00
2014.....	.....	11,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7,000.00	.....	11,000.00
2015.....	.....	11,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7,000.00	.....	11,000.00
2016.....	.....	11,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7,000.00	.....	11,000.00
2017.....	.....	11,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7,000.00	.....	11,000.00
2018.....	.....	11,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7,000.00	.....	11,000.00
2019.....	.....	11,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7,000.00	.....	11,000.00
2020.....	.....	11,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7,000.00	.....	11,000.00
2021.....	.....	11,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7,000.00	.....	11,000.00
2022.....	.....	11,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7,000.00	.....	11,000.00
2023.....	.....	11,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7,000.00	.....	11,000.00
2024.....	.....	11,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7,000.00	.....	11,000.00
2025.....	.....	11,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7,000.00	.....	11,000.00
2026.....	.....	11,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7,000.00	.....	11,000.00
2027.....	.....	11,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7,000.00	.....	11,000.00
2028.....	.....	11,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7,000.00	.....	11,000.00
2029.....	.....	11,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7,000.00	.....	11,000.00
2030.....	.....	11,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7,000.00	.....	11,000.00
2031.....	.....	11,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7,000.00	.....	11,000.00
2032.....	.....	11,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7,000.00	.....	11,000.00
2033.....	.....	11,000.00	.....	.....							



# BALANCE SHEET

## CURRENT ASSETS

Cash . . . . .	\$100,289.43
Taxes unpaid . . . .	362,809.27
Assessments unpaid	4,483.79
Franchise and Gross Receipts: Taxes unpaid . . .	14,777.21
Emergency, Inter- est Deficiency and School Notes awaiting payment from 1925 Budget and future Bond Issue ..	52,895.08
Sundry Accounts Receivable . . .	1,407.70
Tax Deficits 1921 and 1924 . . . .	1,987.33
Tax Title Liens . .	2,126.53
Assessment Liens .	97.20

## CURRENT LIABILITIES

Sundry Obligations unpaid . . . . .	\$ 20,211.24
Assessment Adjust- ment . . . . .	61.09
Library Account ..	11,027.94
Martin Act Trust Account . . . . .	1,475.30
Notes Payable viz: Delinquent 1924 Tax \$200,000.00 Emergency—Dog Pound 2,000.00 Shade Tree 1,500.00 Audit 6,553.83 Hydrants 9,276.06 Interest Deficiency 8,565.19 School Purposes 25,000.00	252,895.08
War Surplus Food Account . . . . .	2,422.60
Due to Schools on 1924 Appropria- tion . . . . .	151,250.00
Reserve for Uncol- lected Taxes . .	25,175.06
Revenue Surplus..	76,355.23
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	\$540,873.54

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# CAPITAL AND TRUST ASSETS

Cash . . . . .	\$ 296,778.06
Assessments unpaid . . .	201,024.54
Assessment Liens . . . .	3,294.87
Streets and Sewers . . .	2,230,916.78
Police Head- quarters . .	60,198.82
Fire Department Property and Equipment .	135,918.29
School Buildings .	1,507,000.00
City Hall and Adjoining Property . .	308,103.15
City's Storage Yard and Trestle . . .	42,533.20
Green Brook Park	184,282.14
Library Square	54.03
Sinking Fund Commission .	162,275.68
Public Service Railway's Share of cost of Street Work..	98,918.63
State of New Jersey's Share of cost of Street Work..	100,000.00
City's Share of Improvements	531,847.22
Gamewell System	9,668.61
Street Department Equipment	5,000.00
	<u>\$5,877,814.02</u>
	<u>\$6,418,687.56</u>

# CAPITAL AND TRUST LIABILITIES

Notes Payable \$	464,500.00
Bonds outstand- ing . . . . .	3,217,200.00
Due on uncom- pleted Street Work . . . .	166.46
Assessment Ad- justments . .	131.34
Assessment In- terest undis- tributed . . .	24,985.36
Capital and Trust Surplus . . .	2,170,830.86
	<u>\$5,877,814.02</u>
	<u>\$6,418,687.56</u>

ARTHUR E. CRONE,  
City Treasurer.

December 31, 1924.

REPORT OF THE SINKING FUND COMMISSION

December 31, 1924

Amount of Sinking Fund Requirements on December 31, 1924, as per law enacted March 29, 1917 .....	\$143,793.48
Amount in Sinking Fund December 31, 1924.....	162,275.68
Surplus . . . . .	\$ 18,482.20

SINKING FUND INVESTMENTS  
December 31, 1924

Cash .....	\$ 1,275.68
City of Plainfield Bonds:	
Sewer 4% Dated 1909 .....	1,000.00
School 4% Dated 1909 .....	8,000.00
School 4% Dated 1911 .....	7,000.00
School 4½% Dated 1908 .....	4,000.00
School 4½% Dated 1915 .....	3,000.00
School 5% Dated 1919 .....	2,000.00
School 5% Dated 1922 .....	10,000.00
Fire Apparatus 5% Dated 1922 .....	12,000.00
U. S. Liberty Bonds:	
Second 4¼% .....	77,000.00
Third 4¼% .....	37,000.00
	<hr/> \$162,275.68

SINKING FUND COMMISSION OF THE  
INHABITANTS OF THE CITY OF PLAINFIELD, N. J.  
December 31, 1924.

JOSEPH W. SANDFORD, President.  
ARTHUR E. CRONE, Treasurer.



# ANNUAL REPORT OF COLLECTOR OF TAXES

## OF COLLECTIONS MADE IN 1924

To the Honorable, the Mayor, and Common Council of the City of Plainfield,  
New Jersey.

Gentlemen:

I submit herewith the Report of the Collector of Taxes covering collections from January 1st to December 31st, 1924, inclusive, as follows:

Taxes prior to 1921 .....	\$ 243.49
Taxes of 1921 .....	516.96
Taxes of 1922 .....	2,090.69
Taxes of 1923 .....	228,924.07
Taxes of 1924 .....	1,136,245.05
Street Improvements .....	128,627.46
Sewer Extension and Connections .....	27,497.70
Flagging and Curbing .....	4,617.85
Franchise, Gross Earnings:	
Band Stock, Second Class Railroad .....	139,247.01
Cost and Interest .....	27,413.31
Fees (Tax Searches) .....	1,617.85
Total Receipts for Year 1924.....	\$1,692,041.44

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT L. LEE,  
Collector of Taxes.

# REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

January 1, 1925.

To the Honorable, The Common Council, City of Plainfield, N. J.  
Gentlemen:

Your Board of Assessors beg to submit their Annual Report. While we have no financial report we do deal in values which are the basis of all your financing. We therefore report our findings as follows:

	1925
Assessed value of Lands.....	\$14,919,845.00
Assessed value of Buildings .....	25,997,425.00
Assessed value of Personal Property .....	6,501,820.00
Assessed value of Second Class Railways .....	268,107.00
Total, 1925 .....	\$47,287,197.00
Total, 1924 .....	45,610,967.00
Net increase for the year 1925.....	\$ 1,676,230.00
1,516 Real Estate Transfers.	
6,156 autos reported for assessment including transfers of cars.	

## NUMBER OF BUILDINGS IN CITY OF PLAINFIELD

### First Ward

Dwellings and Apartments .....	1,130
Business Buildings and Factories .....	150
Garages .....	384

### Second Ward

Dwellings and Apartments .....	1,443
Business Buildings and Factories .....	68
Garages .....	729

### Third Ward

Dwellings and Apartments .....	1,401
Business Buildings and Factories .....	8
Garages .....	637

### Fourth Ward

Dwellings and Apartments .....	1,592
Business Buildings and Factories .....	211
Garages .....	548

### Total

Dwellings and Apartments .....	5,566
Business Buildings and Factories .....	439
Private Garages .....	2,298
Lots assessed .....	8,947
Polls assessed .....	6,562

The number of \$100.00 allowances on household furnishings is 4215 persons. All others not reported are under the limit.

There were 367 soldiers, sailors and firemen allowed \$500.00 exemption. Other soldiers, sailors and firemen no property, poll only.

Building permits to October 1, 1924, amount to about \$3,000,000.00. This amount is in all conditions of construction. We estimate about one-half or \$1,500,000.00 completed. To this add the buildings finished since October, 1923, which were in course of construction in that year, and this would give us approximately \$2,500,000.00, leaving a balance of \$500,000.00 for alterations and changes in values. On an assessment basis this should produce about \$1,750,000.00 which our assessed value for 1925 practically proves.

Equalization of property values and values in general are always open for argument, but as a whole our values seem to prove satisfactory except in a few instances. Our greatest differences to be adjusted by the County Board occurred this past year, two thirds of the adjustment being in error of judg-

ment rather than in figures, either on the part of the assessors or by the protest of others that so many reductions were allowed.

The Auditor's Report of double assessments, assessing dead ones and so forth, covered a period of several years, and when analyzed and explanations furnished it was not as bad as it appeared.

The Tax Office is now working with our office and all information coming in to them, we are notified of at once, and notations made to correct if needed.

From the above figures you will note that Plainfield is increasing quite rapidly, and with it the demands on the office. We need to keep up our Department in office equipment and office force to keep pace with the increase detail it demands. Accuracy is essential for an error with us is state wide, also often expensive and annoying to all.

Respectfully submitted,

J. FRED MacDONALD,  
Clerk.



# ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CITY ENGINEER

Plainfield, New Jersey, December 31, 1924.

To the Honorable, The Common Council of the City of Plainfield.  
Gentlemen:

I beg to submit herewith my fifth annual report for the year ending December 31, 1924.

## STREET MAINTENANCE

Favorable weather conditions during the winter of 1923-1924 left the surfaces of our macadam streets in better condition than usual. This made it possible to maintain the surface of these streets with less Tarvia than would have otherwise been the case. This fact, together with an increased appropriation for the purpose, greater care on the part of the street superintendent in applying Tarvia, and the application of this material at a temperature of not less than one hundred degrees (100°) F, made possible the surface treatment of the largest mileage of macadam streets since 1915. The amount of material per square yard used in 1923 was .32 of a gallon, and in 1924 was .23 of a gallon. The price of Tarvia B was reduced 1c per gallon from the previous year, all of which accounts for the lessened cost of this kind of work in 1924.

Thirty and ninety-three hundredths miles of streets received bituminous surface treatment in 1923, and 44.41 miles received the same treatment in 1924. The greatest amount of work of this kind ever done in the city in a single year was in 1915, when 52 miles of streets were so treated.

There is nothing that can be done at so small a cost to maintain our macadam streets as the surface treatment which is being used, and the Street Committee feels that it should be continued and extended to the limit of our resources.

Work of bituminous macadam resurfacing was done during the year by the city's force upon the following streets:

Central Avenue from Randolph Road to the City Line.

Randolph Road from a point 150 feet east of Cedar Brook to Arlington Avenue.

Watchung Avenue from Front Street to Green Brook.

Besides this, a large area of macadam which had become rough and raveled was scarified, rolled, and treated with Tarvia B. While this method of treatment does not furnish nearly as durable a surface as one of bituminous macadam, it is much less expensive and enables us to keep a considerable area of pavement in reasonable order for a number of years at a small expense. The less expensive treatment is particularly adapted to streets where the old macadam is so light that the application of the expensive bituminous surface would be unwarranted economically.

## STREET CLEANING AND SNOW REMOVAL

These items of work have been carried on as usual during the year. The area of permanent pavement cleaned has been increased without the employment of any additional equipment for the purpose. This was possible because our motor "pick-up" sweeper is not yet working to its full capacity. As the area of the permanent pavement increases, however, it will be necessary to employ another operator and helper on the sweeper so that the machine may work as much as 16 hours per day, if necessary.

Comparatively little snow fell during the winter of 1923-1924, but the demands of the people for the clearing of streets and sidewalks has increased to such an extent that the expense was not as much below normal as the snow fall. The requirements of automobile traffic make it necessary to plow the snow from practically all of the streets of the city after each storm. This service is expensive, but it is demanded and I believe the citizens are willing to pay the

bill. The operation of sidewalk plows is also of great assistance to the property owners in clearing the snow from their walks and meets with favor on that account. It is to be regretted, however, that many property owners think that the work of clearing the snow done by the city plows is sufficient. This is not the case, because the plows always leave an inch or two of snow on the walks, and unless this is removed by the property owners who are responsible for the clearing of the walks, it soon turns to slush and ice and makes traffic difficult and dangerous. I know of no more useful public service that can be rendered by citizens with little effort and expense than the keeping of their sidewalks clean. The enforcement of the snow cleaning Ordinance is troublesome and annoying to the Police and Street Departments and to the people who fail to clean their walks, and a proper spirit of co-operation on the part of our citizens would not only lessen the troubles of the city government, but would contribute to the comfort of everyone using the sidewalks.

### CITY YARD

During the year, contracts have been awarded for the building of a stable and garage at the City Yard on South Avenue and additional land has been acquired to facilitate the development of the property. It is expected that the improvement of the Yard will be completed early in 1925, after which the old fire house at 210 West Second Street will be vacated by the Street Department, which will then have adequate quarters from which to carry on its various activities. Such quarters have long been needed and are bound to contribute materially to the proper administration of our street and sewer work.

In connection with the new garage, we will have a repair shop for the maintenance of our motor and other mechanical equipment.

### SEWER MAINTENANCE

The work of maintaining both our sanitary and storm sewers during the year has been principally of a routine nature consisting of flushing and cleaning and the construction of a few additional manholes where necessary.

The results of the program of storm sewer construction which has been carried on for the last few years are beginning to show themselves and some of the worst drainage troubles in the city have been cleared up thereby. These beneficial results are particularly noticeable when heavy snows are being carried away by thawing or rain storms. Where storm sewers exist, streets that would otherwise be flooded under such conditions are passable at all times.

Much remains to be done in the way of storm sewer construction, however, before the city attains the position in the matter of storm water drainage that it should. We have depended for many years upon the removal of storm water over the surface of the streets to natural water courses, and the inadequacy of this method of drainage becomes immediately apparent when sections of the city become closely built up.

The most pressing drainage problem which we have to face is one which has long been considered; namely, the improvement of Cedar Brook channel and the installation of the necessary storm sewers tributary thereto. Besides this, there are numerous short storm sewers which would be built through the central part of the city to clear up the surface drainage situation there.

Another large undertaking of this character which should soon be carried out is the drainage of that portion of the city lying west of Clinton Avenue and south of Front Street.

### PERMANENT PAVEMENTS

The only street whose permanent improvement was undertaken during 1924, was East Front Street from Watchung Avenue to Terrill Road. This street was taken over by Union County as a County Road, to be paved under the supervision of the County Engineering Department. The cost of the work will be divided between the County and the City, the County paying for a strip of pavement twenty-six (26) feet wide, and the City paying the balance of the cost of the work. In anticipation of this work, the City installed, at its own expense, the storm and sanitary sewers necessary to complete the drainage of the street, together with all sewer, gas, and water service connections to vacant

land which may reasonably be required in the future. The county was unable to finish the paving of this street in 1924, but a considerable part of the work has been done and the whole work will probable be completed by July 1, 1925. While the exact cost of the various improvements will not all be known until the entire work is finished, the following statement of cost is exact in many of its items and practically so in all. It includes not only the paving of the street, but the necessary auxiliary work consisting of storm sewers, sanitary sewers, and service connections.

Paving East Front Street from Watchung Avenue to Terrill Road..	\$149,727.55
Improving Existing Sewers .....	1,849.69
New Sanitary Sewers .....	12,363.42
New Storm Sewers .....	40,940.42
Water, Gas and Sewer Service Connections .....	9,549.66
Total.....	\$214,430.74
Union County's share of cost of paving .....	\$ 89,993.20

## SANITARY SEWERS

The only sanitary sewer extensions made during the year were private undertakings executed under the supervision of this department and were of small extent.

## STORM SEWERS

Storm sewers were constructed in the west end of the city in anticipation of the permanent paving of West Fourth Street from Plainfield Avenue to Monroe Avenue as follows:

- Grant Avenue from West Front Street to West Fourth Street.
- South Second Street from Grant Avenue to Spooner Avenue.
- Spooner Avenue from South Second Street to West Fourth Street.
- West Fourth Street from Grant Avenue to Darrow Avenue.
- West Fourth Street from Spooner Avenue to John Street.
- West Fourth Street from McDowell Street to Lee Place.
- Right-of-way through lands of Frank Zellar and Besnard Co.

This work was done by the Orange Engineering Construction Company at a cost of \$43,326.95.

## GENERAL ENGINEERING

The Engineering Department was largely employed during the year in the preparation of plans and estimates for street and sewer improvements which it is proposed to execute in the future. These projects included the paving of South Avenue from Richmond Street to Terrill Road, which constitutes the remainder of Route 9 of the State Highway in the city, and the proposed paving of West Fourth Street from Plainfield Avenue to Monroe Avenue; also other projects which may not be carried out for two or three years to come.

This department has done all of the asphalt plant inspection for the improvement of the county road on East Front Street. Our Laboratory is now equipped for making all the tests necessary to control the construction of our various improvements, except the testing of the compressive strength of concrete. Few cities, if any, of our size have more complete laboratory equipment, and so far as I know, the City of Newark is the only city in the state besides Plainfield which undertakes this work at all. Most cities rely upon having their laboratory work done by private concerns. By operating our own Laboratory, we secure a superior service at a greatly reduced cost. It would be highly desirable if our Laboratory could be equipped with a compression machine for testing concrete. A machine of this kind, adequate for our needs, would cost \$1,200, and I would recommend its purchase.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

The deterioration of our macadam pavements and the increased wear thereon because of heavier traffic demand a larger expenditure of money if these pavements are to be kept in even reasonably good order. With proper maintenance, there are still many years of life in some of them, if our people are willing to submit to inferior riding qualities because of slight roughness in the surface of such pavements. In other words, we can keep macadam from raveling



at a small expense, but cannot guarantee that it will always be as smooth as is desirable for the reason that bituminous surfaces will push under traffic and develop a "wash board" effect which is sometimes very objectionable. Complete overcoming of this trouble can only be secured by a resurfacing of the pavement which involves considerable expense. I have under consideration a device technically known as a "road hone," which is designed to plane off the "bumps" in bituminous pavements to which I have referred. Such a device is regularly used by the State Highway Department of Connecticut with good results and since it is not very expensive, I believe it would be worth a trial here.

It is to be hoped that our resources will permit us to extend our permanent pavement construction within a few years so that all of the streets where heavy construction is required will be put in order. I think that the permanent pavements already laid in this city meet with general approval and have fully justified their cost.

The work of resurfacing streets with bituminous macadam should be largely extended. The increased cost of this method of repair is fully justified by the results.

The storm sewer system should be extended to the limit of our resources.

Accompanying this report is a schedule of cost of various improvements, showing the distribution of such cost between the owners of lands benefited, the city at large, the State Highway Department and Public Service Railway Company.

Also, the usual statistical reports of the operations of this Department.

I am glad to record my appreciation of the co-operation of the Mayor, Common Council, and various administrative departments of the City Government, which has been of great assistance to us in our work.

Respectfully submitted,

ALEXANDER W. VARS,  
City Engineer.

#### SCHEDULE A

##### STATEMENT OF LOCAL IMPROVEMENT ASSESSMENTS, 1919-1924

Ordinance	Description	Charged To City	Charged To Owner	Contri- butions	Total
201	Widening and paving of Watchung Ave., E. Front St. to Railroad .....	\$5,554.85	\$52,846.66	\$ 3,212.23	\$61,613.74
202	Macadam on St. Mary's Ave., Watson Ave., and George St. ....	17,191.10	27,635.93		44,827.03
203	Storm Sewer in Central Ave. from W. Front St. to W. Sixth St. ....	34,713.79	1,019.10		35,732.89
204	Extending St. Mark's Pl. to Leland Ave. ....	34.00	766.00		800.00
205-206	Storm Sewer in Randolph Road from Arlington Ave. to Cedar Brook .....	13,756.79	Construction cost only		13,756.79
207	Macadam on Kenyon Ave., Stelle Ave. to Randolph Rd. .	1,000.06	6,514.95		7,515.01
208	Sanitary sewers in Hillside Ave., Martine Ave., Casino Ave., Evergreen Ave. and E. Sixth St. ....	16.81	7,603.24		7,620.05
209	Victory Pl. not passed				
210	State Highway, Route 9, Section A, Fifth St. and Plainfield Ave. ....	18,061.55	27,843.02	65,000.00	110,904.57
211	Sanitary Sewer in St. Mark's Pl. ....	1.49	1,039.62		1,041.11
212	Sanitary Sewers in Huntington Ave., Grant Ave., Stillman Ave. and Leland Ave. .	18.88	5,020.42		5,039.30
213	Sanitary sewers in Wiley Ave. and McCrea Pl. ....	2.91	1,696.00		1,698.91
214	Macadamizing St. Mark's Pl., McCrea Pl., Arlington Ave., Stelle Ave., Bergen St., Willever St., Everette Pl., DeKalb Ave., Spruce St., and Clinton Pl. ....	8,595.49	47,062.77		55,658.26

215	Storm sewers in Albert St., W. Front St., Washington Ave., West End Ave., Geraud Ave., and Arlington Ave....	35,171.79			35,171.79
216	State Highway, Route 9, Section B, W. Front St., from Plainfield Ave. to Jefferson Ave. ....	5,065.52	54,674.96	175,596.72	235,337.20
217	Sanitary sewers in Woodland Ave. between Watchung Ave. and Putnam Ave.....	175.57	796.24		971.81
218	Paving of W. Front St. from Washington Ave. to Plainfield Ave. and Richmond St. from E. Second St. to E. Fifth St. ....	17,839.87	16,373.62	18,728.96	52,942.45
219	Storm sewer across W. Front St. near Rock Ave....	6,263.67	Construction cost only		6,263.67
220	Sanitary sewers in Highland Ave. and George St.....	393.16	3,356.63		3,749.79
221	Grading Midway .....	3,267.49	16,285.27		19,552.76
222	Sanitary sewers in Park Ave. and Bellevue Ave....	9.97	2,943.96		2,953.93
223	Sanitary sewer in Watchung Ave. between Woodland Ave. and Belvidere Ave.....	179.67	457.50		637.17
224	Widening W. Second St. Liberty St. to Plainfield Ave. not passed				
225	Sanitary relief sewers, W. Second St., Central Ave., to Liberty St. ....	6,923.30	Construction cost only		6,923.30
226	Paving Central Ave., Liberty St. and W. Second St. ....	38,898.59	38,929.93		77,828.52
227	Pavement on E. Second St., from Netherwood Ave. to Terrill Road .....	39,071.03	34,380.14	1,380.72	74,831.89
228	Building and Trestle in City Yard on South Ave.....	16,493.48	(Not a Local Improve.)		16,493.48
229	Storm Sewers in W. Seventh St., Monroe Ave., and E. and W. Fourth Sts. ....	24,012.58			24,012.58
230	Pavement on Myrtle Ave. east of Compton Ave.....	2,215.33	4,462.29		6,677.62
231	Storm Sewers in E. Front St., Norwood Ave., and Leland Ave. ....	33,610.75			33,610.75
232	Storm sewers in Grant Ave., South Second St., W. Fourth St., and E. of W. near Rushmore Ave. ....	47,618.10	(Not Yet Assessed)		47,618.10
233	Sanitary sewers in Berkeley Terrace and E. Front St....	2,499.69	10,783.49		13,283.18
234	Storm sewers in Berkeley Terrace and E. Front St....	9,928.23			9,928.23
235	Pavement on E. Front St., from Watchung Ave., to Terrill Road		(Improvement not completed)		
236	Pavement on Huntington Ave., Grant Ave., and Woodbine Ave. ....	4,514.70	23,241.15		27,755.85

SCHEDULE B  
STATISTICAL STATEMENT  
Streets

Length of Paved Streets (City).....	12.25 miles
Length of Paved Streets (County).....	1.79 miles
Length of Bituminous Macadam Streets.....	9.94 miles
Length of Water-bound Macadam Streets .....	46.61 miles
Length of Improved Streets .....	70.61 miles
Length of Unimproved Streets .....	24.88 miles
Total Length of Streets in City .....	95.5 miles
Area of Permanent Pavements .....	233,126 sq. yds.
Area of Bituminous Macadam Pavements .....	142,152 sq. yds.
Area of Water-bound Macadam Pavements .....	608,135 sq. yds.
Total Area of Pavements .....	986,613 sq. yds.
Area of Permanent Pavements Constructed in 1923.....	16,300 sq. yds.
Area of Permanent Pavements Constructed in 1924.....	13,609.8 sq. yds.
Area of Bituminous Macadam Surfacing in 1923.....	19,632 sq. yds.
Area of Bituminous Macadam Surfacing in 1924 .....	10,620 sq. yds.
Area of Macadam Resurfaced in 1923 .....	32,355 sq. yds.
Area of Macadam Resurfaced in 1924 .....	46,635 sq. yds.

Area of Macadam Treated with Tarvia B in 1923.....	329,638 sq. yds.
Area of Macadam Treated with Tarvia B in 1924.....	452,489 sq. yds.
Cost of Bituminous Surface Treatment, 1923.....	0.0675 per sq. yd.
Cost of Bituminous Surface Treatment, 1924.....	0.0488 per sq. yd.
Amount of Bituminous Material for Surface Treatment used in 1923:	
103,211 gals. or 0.32 gal. per sq. yd.	
Amount of Bituminous Material for Surface Treatment used in 1924:	
103,365 gals. or 0.23 gal. per sq. yd.	
Cost of Bituminous Material for Surface Treatment Applied in 1923, 0.16 per gal.	
Cost of Bituminous Material for Surface Treatment Applied in 1924, 0.15 per gal.	
Length of Streets Treated with Tarvia B in 1923 .....	30.93 miles
Length of Streets Treated with Tarvia B in 1924 .....	44.41 miles

#### Sewers

Length of Storm Sewers .....	15.95 miles
Length of Sanitary Sewers .....	73.42 miles
Number of House Connections on Sanitary Sewers.....	6,043
Pumping Stations .....	4
Auxiliary Pumping Stations .....	1

### SCHEDULE C FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Budget Appropriation, Street and Sewer Department:	
City Sewer Maintenance .....	\$ 14,000.00
Street Maintenance and Miscellaneous Expenses .....	106,000.00
	<u>\$120,000.00</u>

#### Receipts as follows:

Cost of Street Repairs (Paid by Utility Corporations and Contractors) .....	\$1,887.68
Engineering on Improvements .....	2,697.19
Snow Removal, Public Service Railway Co. ....	963.35
Cost of Street Opening Repairs (permits).....	1,426.93
Asphalt Inspection Union County .....	216.00
Sidewalk Construction Assessments .....	1,538.02
Warrant Credit .....	77.00
Transfers .....	725.28
Burying dead dogs .....	15.50
	<u>9,546.95</u>

City Street and Sewer Maintenance .....	\$129,546.95
	<u>128,369.94</u>
Balance to Surplus Revenue .....	\$ 1,177.01

#### Disbursements

City Sewer Maintenance .....	\$ 13,451.64
City Street Maintenance .....	114,918.30
	<u>\$128,369.94</u>

#### Detailed Statement Street Maintenance

Street Maintenance, including Gutter Cleaning, Bituminous Patching, Scarifying and Reshaping Macadam, Cost of Supplies, Automobile Maintenance and Miscellaneous Expenses .....	\$46,292.93
Snow Removal .....	4,877.93
Cleaning and Sprinkling Paved Streets .....	7,419.36
Engineering Salaries (Net) .....	17,588.87*
Bituminous Surface Treatment (Material and Labor).....	22,004.27
Special .....	805.68
Care of City Dumps .....	1,293.75
Traffic Post Maintenance .....	1,043.43
Street Signs .....	734.24
Water-bound Macadam Resurfacing, Rock Avenue, (Front Street to Brook), Denmark Road, Ravine Road, South Avenue, (Woodland to Belvidere), West Fourth Street, (John Street to Monroe Avenue), Sheridan Avenue and Randolph Road, (150 feet east of Cedar Brook to Plainfield Avenue) .....	3,968.94
Bituminous Resurfacing as follows:	
Watchung Avenue .....	\$1,363.84
Central Avenue .....	2,139.48
West Ninth Street .....	819.94
Kensington Avenue .....	224.21
Randolph Road .....	1,091.26
	<u>\$5,638.73</u>

Sheet Asphalt West Third Street .....	3,250.17
	<u>\$114,918.30</u>

\*Exclusive of cost of engineering on permanent improvements.

Note.—Statement of Disbursements is exclusive of \$3,195.54 from 1923 and includes a reserve of \$2,099.85 held to pay bills contracted and paid on December 31, 1924.

# REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF POLICE

## OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

Plainfield, N. J., January 15, 1925.

To the Honorable Mayor and Common Council of the City of Plainfield.  
Gentlemen:

I have the honor to submit herewith to your Honorable Body this, my Twenty-fifth Annual Report for the work performed by this department for the year, 1924.

Number of Arrests for the year.....1,255

Composed of:

Males (White) . . . . .	933
Males (Col.) . . . . .	251
Females (White) . . . . .	41
Females (Col.) . . . . .	30

Total . . . . .1,255

Composed of the following nationalities:

American . . . . .	710
Afro-American . . . . .	281
Italian . . . . .	84
English . . . . .	1
Polish . . . . .	47
Russian . . . . .	54
Swedish . . . . .	12
Finnish . . . . .	1
Austrian . . . . .	4
Danish . . . . .	9
Norwegian . . . . .	2
Irish . . . . .	12
German . . . . .	10
Swiss . . . . .	2
Greek . . . . .	6
Spanish . . . . .	2
Japanese . . . . .	2
Scotch . . . . .	2
Hungarian . . . . .	4
French . . . . .	1
Australian . . . . .	7
South American . . . . .	2
	<hr/> 1,255

Charges were as follows:

Atrocious Assault . . . . .	7
Adultery . . . . .	2
Auto Law . . . . .	331
Attempted Robbery . . . . .	5
Bastardy . . . . .	4
Burglary . . . . .	7
Disorderly House . . . . .	3
Driving auto while intoxicated . . . . .	18
Dog Ordinance . . . . .	12
Discharging Firearms . . . . .	17
Disorderly Conduct . . . . .	306
Drunk and Disorderly . . . . .	93
Drunkenness . . . . .	126
Embezzlement . . . . .	3
Fire Ordinance . . . . .	2
Fornication . . . . .	5
Fugitive . . . . .	14
Gambling . . . . .	47
Gambling Devices (maintaining) . . . . .	2
Highway Robbery . . . . .	4
Hack Ordinance . . . . .	3
Health Ordinance . . . . .	10
Incorrigible . . . . .	1
Larceny . . . . .	52
Liquor Laws Violations . . . . .	29
Manslaughter . . . . .	2
Murder . . . . .	2
Material Witness . . . . .	18



Non-Support . . . . .	39
Peddling without License . . . . .	12
Receiving Stolen Goods . . . . .	1
Rape . . . . .	1
Sodomy . . . . .	2
Selling Cigarettes to Minors . . . . .	2
School Law . . . . .	4
Traffic Law . . . . .	57
Worthless Checks . . . . .	12
	<hr/> 1,255

DISPOSITIONS WERE AS FOLLOWS:

Amount of fines collected during year . . . . .	\$7,545.00
Number of cases disposed of:	
Sentence Suspended . . . . .	496
Number Fined . . . . .	357
Number Committed . . . . .	54
Dismissed . . . . .	121
Probated . . . . .	30
Turned over to Other Authorities . . . . .	24
Held for Grand Jury . . . . .	55
Sent to Morris Plains . . . . .	2
Bonds Forfeited . . . . .	29
Held for Juvenile Court . . . . .	10
Referred to Commissioner Dill . . . . .	2
Number of Auto Licenses Revoked . . . . .	14
Cases Postponed . . . . .	16
No Trial . . . . .	14
Hack Licenses Revoked . . . . .	1
Ordered to Support Family . . . . .	14
Sent to State Home at Trenton . . . . .	1
Sent to Jamesburg . . . . .	1
Discharged . . . . .	1
Held as Material Witnesses . . . . .	2
Released . . . . .	11
	<hr/> 1,255

EXPENDITURES WERE AS FOLLOWS:

Regular Police . . . . .	\$61,932.38
Driver . . . . .	1,800.00
Clerk . . . . .	1,400.00
Janitor . . . . .	720.00
Water . . . . .	125.62
City Physician . . . . .	400.00
New York Telephone . . . . .	103.32
Gamewell System . . . . .	423.48
Department expenses . . . . .	608.64
Pension . . . . .	1,195.89
School Signs . . . . .	330.00
Maintenance of Autos . . . . .	294.44
Gasoline . . . . .	359.77
Maintenance of Prisoners . . . . .	305.25
Plumbing . . . . .	43.41
Electric Supplies . . . . .	31.01
Fuel . . . . .	849.27
Photographer . . . . .	215.00
Headquarter's Supplies . . . . .	70.40
Printing, etc. . . . .	154.90
Western Union . . . . .	21.84
Mortorcycle Repair . . . . .	1,268.30
Laundry . . . . .	11.17
Painting Signs . . . . .	428.50
Bicycle Repair . . . . .	123.50
Crosswalk Painting . . . . .	94.57
Painter . . . . .	204.04
Repair Traffic Posts . . . . .	146.10
Equipment . . . . .	136.86
Traffic Posts . . . . .	150.00
Obligations Incurred . . . . .	1,500.50
	<hr/> \$75,448.16

Number of automobile accidents reported . . . . .	1,176
Number of complaints investigated . . . . .	961
Number of doors and windows found unlocked . . . . .	540
Number of lost children found . . . . .	19
Number of excavations in street reported . . . . .	103
Number of automobiles reported stolen . . . . .	8
Number of automobiles recovered . . . . .	6
Number of vacant houses looked after . . . . .	374

In submitting this report it is very gratifying to me to call your attention to the decrease in the number of arrests for the year, 1924. Serious crimes have been held at a minimum and this, in the face of so called "Crime waves" in surrounding cities during the year, certainly shows that this department has fulfilled its trust and earned the confidence placed in it by the officials and citizens of Plainfield. This result was only accomplished by hard, faithful work, oftentimes the men having to do extra duty, due to the shortage of men. This condition was, however, alleviated to some extent by the addition of six men during the year which made it possible to patrol the city and outskirts more thoroughly.

The motorcycle squad has done excellent work in patrolling the main highways and also the outskirts of this city, taking care of the ever-increasing traffic and making the roads safe for the careful drivers and pedestrians. This squad is one of the most important adjuncts to this department

The Detective Division has also done excellent work in ferreting out cases, apprehending criminals and violators of the law and in recovering stolen goods and during the short time that this division has been working, it has accomplished excellent results. This division while at present under-manned, if augmented in strength and with proper equipment, will bear a standard efficiency which will be a credit to our city.

The ever-increasing traffic on our streets and thoroughfares will make it necessary to add additional men to the traffic squad. I feel that the matter of regulating traffic bears deep consideration and would recommend that the various methods of regulating traffic by the use of signal lights and otherwise be thoroughly investigated.

The remodelling of Police Headquarters, with new cells and more spacious quarters for transacting business, will greatly add to the efficient transaction of police business.

The installation of the new Gamewell system will make it possible to reach any officer on post, day or night, within a very few minutes. With this system in operation, this department will be second to none in the state.

In conclusion I wish to thank everyone who in any way aided this department during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

PATRICK S. KIELY,  
Chief of Police.

## REPORT OF CITY JUDGE

To the Honorable, the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Plainfield.  
Gentlemen:

I have the honor to submit herewith my Annual Report as City Judge of the city of Plainfield, for the year, 1924, as follows:

Number suspended sentences . . . . .	496
Number fined . . . . .	357
Number committed . . . . .	54
Number dismissed . . . . .	121
Number probated . . . . .	30
Number turned over to other authorities . . . . .	24
Number held for Grand Jury . . . . .	55
Number sent to Morris Plains Insane Asylum . . . . .	2
Number bonds declared forfeited . . . . .	29
Number held for Juvenile Court . . . . .	10
Number referred to Wm. L. Dill . . . . .	2
Number auto licenses revoked . . . . .	14
Number cases postponed . . . . .	16
Number cases not tried . . . . .	14
Number hack licenses revoked . . . . .	1
Number ordered to support families . . . . .	14
Number discharged . . . . .	1
Number sent to State Home at Trenton . . . . .	1
Number sent to Jamesburg Reform School . . . . .	1
Number held as material witnesses . . . . .	2
Number released . . . . .	11

Total number of cases for year 1924 . . . . . 1,255

TOTAL AMOUNT OF FINES COLLECTED FOR THE YEAR 1924 . . . \$7,545.00

### DISBURSEMENTS

1924		
Jan.	5	Wm. L. Dill, auto fine of Andrew K. Symons . . . . . \$ 10.00
	8	Wm. L. Dill, auto fine of Arthur A. Hoeffler . . . . . 10.00
	12	Wm. L. Dill, auto fine of Herman Carew . . . . . 10.00
	14	Wm. L. Dill, auto fine of Sheppard Murray . . . . . 5.00
	14	Wm. L. Dill, auto fine of Robert Warburton . . . . . 20.00
	21	Wm. L. Dill, auto fine of Kenneth Voorhees . . . . . 10.00
	25	Wm. L. Dill, auto fine of Ernest Clardy . . . . . 5.00
	25	Wm. L. Dill, auto fine of James L. Lambert . . . . . 5.00
	26	Wm. L. Dill, auto fine of Wm. Adams . . . . . 10.00
	26	Wm. L. Dill, auto fine of Toney Valentino . . . . . 10.00
	29	Board of Health, fine of Jacob Kanter . . . . . 20.00
Feb.	2	Wm. L. Dill, auto fine of David Gordon . . . . . 20.00
	4	Wm. L. Dill, auto fine of Frank Vokack . . . . . 10.00
	4	Wm. L. Dill, auto fine of John Richards . . . . . 10.00
	7	Wm. L. Dill, auto fine of Harry Farraria . . . . . 5.00
	7	Wm. L. Dill, auto fine of George Berkowitz . . . . . 5.00
	19	Wm. L. Dill, auto fine of George Willson . . . . . 10.00
	25	Wm. L. Dill, auto fine of Louis Morelli . . . . . 100.00
	26	Wm. L. Dill, auto fine of John Besmer . . . . . 50.00
Mar.	4	Wm. L. Dill, auto fine of Fred. Martucci . . . . . 10.00
	6	Wm. L. Dill, auto fine of George Coward . . . . . 50.00
	7	Wm. L. Dill, auto fine of Frank Huntzek . . . . . 25.00
	7	Wm. L. Dill, auto fine of Nicholas Donato . . . . . 10.00
	10	Wm. L. Dill, auto fine of Ordie Flanagan . . . . . 50.00
	11	Wm. G. DeMeza, incidental expenses . . . . . 60.00
	14	Wm. L. Dill, auto fine of Thomas Herman . . . . . 10.00
	17	Wm. L. Dill, auto fine of Joseph Duh . . . . . 10.00
	18	Wm. L. Dill, auto fine of Harry Schakman . . . . . 10.00
	21	Wm. L. Dill, auto fine of Herman P. Weltz . . . . . 50.00
	24	Wm. L. Dill, auto fine of Frank Kratouelo . . . . . 10.00
	25	Wm. L. Dill, auto fine of Olaf Landstrom . . . . . 10.00
	31	Wm. L. Dill, auto fine of William Strohl . . . . . 10.00
Apr.	1	Wm. L. Dill, auto fine of Francis Leach . . . . . 10.00
	5	Wm. L. Dill, auto fine of Sidney Wolfe . . . . . 10.00
	7	Wm. L. Dill, auto fine of Stanley Hall . . . . . 10.00
	10	Wm. L. Dill, auto fine of Edward C. Schild . . . . . 100.00
	11	Wm. L. Dill, bond forfeited of Walter Petters . . . . . 10.00
	11	Wm. L. Dill, auto fine of Samuel Siegel . . . . . 5.00
	14	Wm. L. Dill, bond forfeited of Joseph Eisen . . . . . 25.00
	14	Wm. L. Dill, auto fine of Lester Blum . . . . . 10.00
	14	Wm. L. Dill, auto fine of Abe Rogers . . . . . 25.00
	14	Wm. L. Dill, auto fine of Fred Brown . . . . . 10.00
	14	Wm. L. Dill, auto fine of John Locovici . . . . . 5.00

	16	Wm. L. Dill, auto fine of Joseph Grodecki . . . . .	10.00
	18	Wm. L. Dill, auto fine of David E. Simon . . . . .	10.00
	21	Wm. L. Dill, bond forfeited of Piere T. Meixell . . . . .	15.00
	22	Wm. L. Dill, auto fine of Augustino O'Matteo . . . . .	10.00
	23	Board of Health, fine of Alter Katz . . . . .	20.00
	24	Wm. L. Dill, auto fine of Charles Rainey . . . . .	10.00
	26	Wm. L. Dill, auto fine of John G. Nemeth . . . . .	15.00
	30	Wm. L. Dill, auto fine of Irving Mann . . . . .	10.00
May	1	Wm. L. Dill, auto fine of Robert Myers . . . . .	10.00
	6	Wm. L. Dill, auto fine of John Bayers . . . . .	25.00
	6	Wm. L. Dill, auto fine of Joseph Schneider . . . . .	25.00
	6	Board of Health, fine of Edward Townsend . . . . .	10.00
	12	Wm. L. Dill, auto fine of Allen Moith . . . . .	25.00
	15	Wm. L. Dill, auto fine of Martin Schaeffer . . . . .	10.00
	16	Wm. L. Dill, auto fine of Max Brown . . . . .	10.00
	20	Wm. L. Dill, auto fine of John Kissida . . . . .	5.00
	21	Wm. L. Dill, auto fine of Raymond Coleman . . . . .	5.00
	26	Wm. L. Dill, auto fine of Angelo Monica . . . . .	5.00
	26	Wm. L. Dill, auto fine of Alexander Staats . . . . .	10.00
	26	Wm. L. Dill, auto fine of William Hawkins . . . . .	5.00
	27	Wm. L. Dill, bond forfeited of Jacob Lefferts . . . . .	5.00
	29	Wm. L. Dill, auto fine of Max Zorgoria . . . . .	10.00
	29	Wm. L. Dill, bond forfeited of Julius Correale . . . . .	15.00
	31	Wm. L. Dill, auto fine of Vernie B. Clark . . . . .	50.00
June	2	Wm. L. Dill, auto fine of Hayes Lambert . . . . .	10.00
	2	Arthur McGinley, et. als., one-half disorderly house fine of Samuel Tunstall, et. als. . . . .	100.00
	3	Wm. L. Dill, auto fine of Malcolm Ashton . . . . .	100.00
	4	Wm. L. Dill, auto fine of Joseph Morris . . . . .	25.00
	5	Wm. L. Dill, auto fine of Edwin Totten . . . . .	5.00
	6	Wm. L. Dill, auto fine of Adolph Levy . . . . .	10.00
	6	Wm. L. Dill, auto fine of Russell Hitchner . . . . .	10.00
	10	Wm. L. Dill, auto fine of Lewis C. Beekman . . . . .	10.00
	11	Wm. L. Dill, auto fine of George Harris . . . . .	20.00
	14	Wm. L. Dill, auto fine of Michael Morris . . . . .	10.00
	14	Wm. L. Dill, auto fine of James Palladino . . . . .	5.00
	16	Wm. L. Dill, bond forfeited of Martin Thompson . . . . .	5.00
	16	Wm. L. Dill, auto fine of William Perry . . . . .	10.00
	19	Wm. L. Dill, auto fine of Rocco DiGuilio . . . . .	25.00
	19	Wm. L. Dill, auto fine of Albert Peterson . . . . .	25.00
	23	Wm. L. Dill, auto fine of Thomas M. Kane . . . . .	100.00
	30	Wm. G. DeMeza, incidental expenses . . . . .	60.00
July	1	Wm. L. Dill, auto fine of Peter Obly . . . . .	10.00
	2	Wm. L. Dill, auto fine of Abe Katz . . . . .	10.00
	2	Wm. L. Dill, auto fine of Isadore Katz . . . . .	10.00
	3	Wm. L. Dill, bond forfeited of Max Gluck . . . . .	10.00
	3	Wm. L. Dill, auto fine of Joseph G. Mellick . . . . .	5.00
	5	Wm. L. Dill, auto fine of Stephen Fabian . . . . .	25.00
	5	Wm. L. Dill, auto fine of Anthony G. Minczeski . . . . .	25.00
	7	Wm. L. Dill, auto fine of Joseph Mendez . . . . .	25.00
	10	Wm. L. Dill, auto fine of Harry Hyer . . . . .	25.00
	10	Wm. L. Dill, auto fine of Ellis Campus . . . . .	10.00
	14	Wm. L. Dill, auto fine of James H. Payton . . . . .	50.00
	14	Wm. L. Dill, auto fine of Samuel Posner . . . . .	10.00
	14	Wm. L. Dill, auto fine of George E. Wetscheck . . . . .	25.00
	15	Wm. L. Dill, auto fine of Harry Olsen . . . . .	100.00
	16	Wm. L. Dill, auto fine of Jessie Mitchell . . . . .	10.00
	15	Wm. L. Dill, auto fine of Newton Hyler . . . . .	25.00
	15	Wm. L. Dill, auto fine of Joseph S. Scuyler . . . . .	5.00
	18	Wm. L. Dill, auto fine of Fred. Miller . . . . .	5.00
	22	Board of Health, fines of Max Naidorff . . . . .	\$10.00
		William Edwards . . . . .	5.00
		Edward Green . . . . .	5.00
		Mrs. Edward Strasco . . . . .	10.00
			30.00
	22	Wm. L. Dill, auto fine of Antone J. Mullin . . . . .	10.00
	22	Wm. L. Dill, auto fine of Frank Baker . . . . .	50.00
	24	Wm. L. Dill, auto fine of Frank Donafiro . . . . .	5.00
	25	Wm. L. Dill, auto fine of Domenick Durante . . . . .	10.00
	29	Wm. L. Dill, auto fine of Bruno Vaian . . . . .	25.00
Aug.	5	Wm. L. Dill, bond forfeited of Augustus Skillman . . . . .	10.00
	5	Wm. L. Dill, auto fine of Wesley Fisher . . . . .	10.00
	7	Wm. L. Dill, auto fine of John S. Lech . . . . .	10.00
	9	Wm. L. Dill, auto fine of Fred. Thorn . . . . .	10.00
	21	Wm. L. Dill, bond forfeited of Charles Rainey . . . . .	10.00
	21	Wm. L. Dill, bond forfeited of James Johnson . . . . .	10.00
	21	Wm. L. Dill, bond forfeited of Alfred Scarph . . . . .	10.00
	21	Wm. L. Dill, auto fine of Sam Lieherman . . . . .	10.00
	25	Wm. L. Dill, auto fine of Walter M. Brown . . . . .	15.00
	25	Wm. L. Dill, auto fine of Ernest Cieri . . . . .	15.00
Sept.	3	Wm. L. Dill, bond forfeited of John E. Bailey . . . . .	10.00
	8	Wm. L. Dill, auto fine of George Pashas . . . . .	25.00
	11	Wm. L. Dill, auto fine of Carmine Spina . . . . .	10.00
	11	Wm. L. Dill, auto fine of Abe Katz . . . . .	5.00
	15	Wm. L. Dill, auto fine of Sheppard Smith . . . . .	5.00



	16	Wm. L. Dill, auto fine of Henry Schumitz . . . . .	10.00
	16	Wm. L. Dill, auto fine of Joseph Braccini . . . . .	10.00
	16	Wm. L. Dill, auto fine of Charles Hedding . . . . .	10.00
	18	Wm. L. Dill, auto fine of Emil P. Frank . . . . .	20.00
	18	Wm. L. Dill, auto fine of Cornelius Addiston . . . . .	10.00
	18	Wm. L. Dill, auto fine of James E. Campbell . . . . .	5.00
	20	Wm. L. Dill, auto fine of Edward H. Smith . . . . .	10.00
	20	Wm. L. Dill, auto fine of Julius Grugowitz . . . . .	10.00
	23	Wm. G. DeMeza, incidental expenses . . . . .	60.00
	24	Wm. L. Dill, auto fine of Frank Delesky . . . . .	5.00
Oct.	3	Wm. L. Dill, auto fine of Sheppard Murray . . . . .	10.00
	3	Wm. L. Dill, auto fine of Raffaele Barattucci . . . . .	10.00
	6	Wm. L. Dill, auto fine of William Bertamy . . . . .	25.00
	6	Wm. L. Dill, auto fine of Timothy Meany . . . . .	20.00
	6	Wm. L. Dill, auto fine of Joseph Catallucci . . . . .	10.00
	6	Wm. L. Dill, auto fine of Walter S. Harvin . . . . .	10.00
	6	Wm. L. Dill, auto fine of Abraham Hab . . . . .	10.00
	7	Wm. L. Dill, auto fine of Joseph Kolokowski . . . . .	25.00
	10	Wm. L. Dill, auto fine of George Saur . . . . .	10.00
	11	Wm. L. Dill, auto fine of Gaetano Reina . . . . .	10.00
	11	Wm. L. Dill, auto fine of Harry A. Van Bröcklin . . . . .	10.00
	14	Wm. L. Dill, auto fine of John Brigham . . . . .	10.00
	14	Wm. L. Dill, auto fine of Frank O. Kohler . . . . .	25.00
	14	Wm. L. Dill, bond forfeited of Berkeley Tobey . . . . .	15.00
	15	Wm. L. Dill, auto fine of Louis Glasser . . . . .	5.00
	16	Wm. L. Dill, auto fine of Joe Sobel . . . . .	5.00
	20	Wm. L. Dill, bond forfeited of John Bellman . . . . .	5.00
	22	Wm. L. Dill, auto fine of Jacob Schwartz . . . . .	10.00
	24	Wm. L. Dill, auto fine of Sol Bausoff . . . . .	10.00
	25	Wm. L. Dill, auto fine of Albert Baker, Jr. . . . .	50.00
Nov.	3	Wm. L. Dill, auto fine of Charles Stone . . . . .	100.00
	3	Wm. L. Dill, auto fine of Aaron Dicder . . . . .	5.00
	3	Wm. L. Dill, bond forfeited of James Andrew . . . . .	10.00
	5	Wm. L. Dill, auto fine of Mariner Madsen . . . . .	5.00
	7	Wm. L. Dill, auto fine of Aaron Shaw . . . . .	10.00
	7	Wm. L. Dill, auto fine of Arthur Richard . . . . .	10.00
	19	Wm. L. Dill, auto fine of Arthur Hankins . . . . .	5.00
	19	Wm. L. Dill, auto fine of Ernest Wilson . . . . .	10.00
	19	Wm. L. Dill, auto fine of James O'Donnell . . . . .	5.00
	24	Wm. L. Dill, auto fine of Albert Leacock . . . . .	5.00
	24	Wm. L. Dill, auto fine of F. M. Black . . . . .	5.00
	25	Wm. L. Dill, auto fine of Joseph Zajie . . . . .	25.00
	25	Wm. L. Dill, auto fine of Frederick Herzog . . . . .	10.00
	25	Witness fees, mileage, serving subpoenas in case of State of New Jersey vs. Willard J. Baker . . . . .	9.00
	26	Wm. L. Dill, auto fine of Edward Champion . . . . .	5.00
	26	Wm. L. Dill, auto fine of Edward Rellis . . . . .	10.00
	28	Wm. L. Dill, auto fine of Charles Foster . . . . .	20.00
	29	Wm. L. Dill, auto fine of James Opdike . . . . .	5.00
	29	Wm. L. Dill, auto fine of Joseph Mooney . . . . .	5.00
Dec.	1	Wm. L. Dill, auto fine of Michael Disette . . . . .	10.00
	1	Wm. L. Dill, auto fine of John Serra . . . . .	10.00
	1	Wm. L. Dill, auto fine of John Kush . . . . .	25.00
	2	Wm. L. Dill, auto fine of Andrew J. Krog . . . . .	25.00
	4	Wm. L. Dill, auto fine of Julius Klimko . . . . .	10.00
	6	Wm. L. Dill, auto fine of Nicholas Resucci . . . . .	50.00
	8	Wm. G. DeMeza, incidental expenses . . . . .	60.00
	8	Wm. L. Dill, auto fine of Norman McNamara . . . . .	5.00
	8	Wm. L. Dill, auto fine of Reginald Cordovia . . . . .	25.00
	10	Thomas Flatley, Thomas Bray and Andrew Saffron, one-half share disorderly house and gambling fines of James Anderson, Sam Lyle, William McNeil, Wesley Monroe, Clifford Upsher, Walter Monroe, Claud Bibbs . . . . .	100.00
	13	Wm. L. Dill, auto fine of William Starnum . . . . .	10.00
	13	Wm. L. Dill, auto fine of Thomas Duffy . . . . .	10.00
	13	Wm. L. Dill, auto fine of Leonard De Carlo . . . . .	10.00
	13	Wm. L. Dill, auto fine of Robert Welton . . . . .	10.00
	15	Wm. L. Dill, auto fine of Frank Blazyowski . . . . .	25.00
	15	Wm. L. Dill, auto fine of Toney Belfiore . . . . .	10.00
	15	Wm. L. Dill, auto fine of Aaron Dichter . . . . .	5.00
	15	Wm. L. Dill, auto fine of Andrew Paranya . . . . .	5.00
	15	Wm. L. Dill, auto fine of Lillian Kadesh . . . . .	5.00
	19	Wm. L. Dill, auto fine of Stephen Danek . . . . .	5.00
	19	Wm. L. Dill, auto fine of Everett S. Ackerman . . . . .	5.00
	20	Wm. L. Dill, auto fine of Charles Bimble . . . . .	25.00
	20	Wm. L. Dill, auto fine of Michael Ready . . . . .	25.00
	22	Wm. L. Dill, auto fine of Manuel Fernandez . . . . .	15.00
	11	Daniel Gray, serving subpoenas in Bussell case . . . . .	2.00
Total Disbursements for year 1924 . . . . .			\$3,576.00
Total amount of fines collected for the year 1924 . . . . .			\$7,545.00
Total amount of fines turned over to City Treasurer . . . . .			\$3,969.00
Total amount of disbursements . . . . .			\$3,576.00

WILLIAM G. DE MEZA,  
City Judge.

Dated:—January 8th, 1925

# REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

For the Year Ending December 31, 1924

Headquarters of the Fire Department,  
Office of Chief of Department,  
Plainfield, N. J., January 1, 1925.

The Honorable, the Mayor and Common Council:  
Gentlemen:

It is my pleasure to respectfully submit herewith my second annual report as Chief of the Fire Department for the Year ending December 31, 1924. You will note therein the workings of the Department and statistics thereof in detail, together with such recommendations deemed advisable by me for better efficiency. The past year was a very busy one for the Department, having answered two hundred and ninety-one (291) alarms, of which thirty-nine (39) were bell alarms, two hundred and fourteen (214) telephone alarms, fourteen (14) telephone and box alarms, twenty-two (22) verbal alarms and two (2) verbal and box alarms.

The total loss for 1924, including buildings and contents, amounted to \$45,200.00, on which there was a total insurance carried of \$543,800.00, making an excess insurance over loss, \$498,600.00. The classification of fire losses and insurance carried for 1924, are as follows:

	Buildings	Contents	Total
Total value of property involved.....	\$399,475.00	\$216,075.00	\$615,550.00
Total insurance on property.....	363,850.00	179,950.00	543,800.00
Total Losses . . . . .	23,950.00	21,250.00	45,200.00
Total Exposure Losses . . . . .	50.00		50.00

There were two fires, I regret to report, during the year, as a result of which, lives were lost. On March 22, 1924, Mr. John Mettler of 109-A Watchung Avenue, died at Muhlenberg Hospital as the result of burns received at a fire in his store. On August 3, 1924, a child of Mr. and Mrs. C. Anderson of 540 West Third Street, died on the way to Muhlenberg Hospital.

## CAUSES OF FIRES AND ALARMS

Ashes . . . . .	3
Automobiles . . . . .	2
Backdraught . . . . .	4
Backfire . . . . .	4
Blow-torch . . . . .	1
Bonfire . . . . .	51
Brush, Woods and Grass . . . . .	51
Candle . . . . .	1
Cigar and Cigarette Stubs . . . . .	6
Children and Matches . . . . .	6
Chimney and Fire Places . . . . .	5
Defective Flues . . . . .	4
Electric Switches or Wires . . . . .	6
Electric Motor . . . . .	1
Excessive Heat . . . . .	1
Explosions . . . . .	3
False Alarms . . . . .	4
Fire-works . . . . .	2
Furnaces . . . . .	7
Gas Heater-pipes, Stoves and Lights . . . . .	5
Gas Iron . . . . .	1
Gasoline . . . . .	2
Grease . . . . .	3
Kerosene and Kerosene Lamps . . . . .	3
Leaks from Fuel Oil . . . . .	1
Oil Heater . . . . .	4
Oil Stove . . . . .	1
Overheated Furnaces, Boilers, Ovens and Motors . . . . .	8
Rubbish . . . . .	5
Short Circuit . . . . .	13
Sparks from Chimney . . . . .	3

Sparks from Locomotives . . . . .	7
Spontaneous Combustion . . . . .	10
Soot . . . . .	16
Steam, Steam Boiler or Pipes . . . . .	2
Stoves . . . . .	5
Sweepings . . . . .	1
Thawing Water Pipes . . . . .	1
Unknown . . . . .	38
Total . . . . .	291

#### DUTY

Beat Out . . . . .	39
Chemical Tanks . . . . .	10
Extinguishers . . . . .	95
Extinguishers and Chemical Tanks . . . . .	8
Extinguishers and Fire Guns . . . . .	1
Fire Guns Only . . . . .	2
Engine Streams . . . . .	6
Garden Hose . . . . .	1
Hydrant Streams . . . . .	29
Hydrant Streams and Chemical Tanks . . . . .	13
Ladders Only . . . . .	2
Nothing Used . . . . .	49
Out on Arrival . . . . .	23
Pails of Water . . . . .	12
Sand . . . . .	1
Total . . . . .	291

#### OUT OF CITY FIRES

Middlesex County . . . . .	7
Fanwood Township . . . . .	2
Raritan Township . . . . .	1
Total . . . . .	10

#### MATERIALS USED BY DEPARTMENT

27,500 feet of 2½ inch hose. 2,204 gallons of Chemicals. 1,546 feet of ladders

#### MANUAL FORCE

The manual force of the Department as of December 31, 1923, consisted of thirty-two men, distributed as follows: 1 Chief Engineer, 1 Assistant Chief Engineer, 3 Captains of Engine and Hose Companies, 22 Class A privates, 2 Class B privates, 2 Class C privates, 1 Probationary man.

There has been retired on Pension this year one Captain, Edwin E. Vail. There have been three resignations this year and the office of Floating Captain established. The appointing of one captain to fill the vacancy of Edwin E. Vail. Two men were appointed to fill vacancies open as of January 1st, and one extra man was appointed. There still remain two vacancies in the Department. The force as of January 1, 1925, is as follows: 1 Chief Engineer, 1 Assistant Chief Engineer, 3 Captains of Engine and Hose Companies, 1 Floating Captain, 21 Class A privates, 3 Class B privates, 3 Class C privates, 1 Probationary man.

#### APPARATUSES

There are three Engine Houses owned by the City: Headquarters located at Nos. 145-149 East Second Street, the main floor is devoted to the apparatuses which are as follows: 1 Chief's Car (Hudson Touring), 1 Assistant Chief's Car (Studebaker Roadster), 1 Triple Combination, Engine, Chemical and Hose, No. 2 (American LaFrance); 1 Combination Chemical and Hose, No. 2 (Mack), 1 Combination Chemical and Hose, No. 1 (Mack); 1 75 Foot Aerial Truck, No. 1 (American LaFrance); 1 City Service Truck, No. 2 (Mack); 1 Squad Wagon, No. 6 (Reo Speed Wagon).

The second floor is devoted to the Chief Engineers' Offices, lounging room, Assistant Chief's bed room, Dormitory for the men, Bathroom, Store room, and Battery room.

No. 3 Engine House is located at Nos. 730-732 West Fourth Street, and contains the following apparatuses: 1 Triple Combination Engine, Chemical and Hose, No. 3 (American LaFrance); 1 Combination Chemical and Hose, No. 3 (Mack).

The second floor is devoted to the Captain's office, dormitory for the men, and Bath.

No. 4 Engine House is located at Nos. 1015-1017 South Avenue, and contains the following: 1 Triple Combination Engine, Chemical and Hose, No. 4 (American LaFrance); 1 Old Steam Fire Engine (in reserve); 1 Ford (Line-man's Car).

The second floor is devoted to the Captain's office and bed room, lounging room, dormitory, and bath.

### HOSE

On January 1, 1924, we had in service 9,350 feet of good hose. During the year there have been discarded 1,050 feet of defective hose and 1,575 feet of new hose were purchased as is shown by the following summary:

Year	Dec. 31, 1924	Purchased in 1924	Defective	Total feet of good hose
No date . . . . .	200			200
1904 . . . . .	900		100	800
1906 . . . . .	100		50	50
1907 . . . . .	50		50	0
1908 . . . . .	450		350	100
1910 . . . . .	250		150	100
1911 . . . . .	200			200
1912 . . . . .	100		100	0
1913 . . . . .	100			100
1915 . . . . .	750		50	700
1917 . . . . .	1,850			1,850
1918 . . . . .	800		200	600
1920 . . . . .	2,600			2,600
1922 . . . . .	1,000			1,000
1924 . . . . .		1,575		1,575

Total number of feet of good hose in department.....9,875

### HYDRANTS

Three (3) new fire hydrants were installed throughout the city during the past year, thus increasing the number of same to four hundred thirty-six in the city and the two just over the city line which make a grand total of four hundred thirty-eight (438).

### CONDITION OF BUILDINGS

No great changes were made in any of the buildings of the Department during the past year, other than minor repairs, together with painting work in line with the general upkeep.

### FIRE ALARM SYSTEM

Our system is of the Gamewell type, with 67 fire alarm boxes, ten of which are private. We have about thirty-eight (38) miles of overhead wire: with three 15-inch house gongs, located in the three engine houses, and three 15-inch gongs located at the corners of East Second Street and Watchung Avenue; East Second Street and Park Avenue, and one on West Front Street just west of Park Avenue; 1 12-inch gong at Police Headquarters; one 15-inch gong at the Plainfield-Union Water Company's Pumping Station, and six-inch tappers located in newspaper offices and others. One five (5) circuit automatic repeater, 1 six circuit switchboard with instruments mounted on it for testing and charging the batteries, two house and three alarm circuits are in use. One alarm transmitter and three alarm registers with paper take-up reels installed in the engine houses. The power for charging the batteries is furnished by the Public Service Electric Company. Installed at Headquarters is an Aero Fire Alarm register system which is connected with the Aero Fire Alarm Company's factory at the corner of East Fourth Street and Roosevelt Avenue. This alarm system works automatically and is independent of any watchman. The excessive amount of heat generated by a fire of any size over the amount allowed for by the apparatus will send in an alarm direct to headquarters.



## PENSION ROLL

Thaddeus O. Doane  
George Mehl, Jr.  
Mrs. K. Guinee  
George A. Feiring  
Griffen H. Freeman  
William Gaub  
Edwin E. Vail

## INSPECTION OF BUILDINGS

During the year there have been eight hundred twenty-nine (829) inspections of business buildings and factories throughout the city.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

Two fire alarm boxes were installed this year, one at the corner of Park and Belleview Avenues, and one at Thornton and Kensington Avenues. I would recommend that three (3) new fire alarm boxes be purchased.

There were 1,575 feet of 2½ inch hose purchased during the year to replace old and worn out hose, and I would recommend that 1,000 feet be purchased to replace the 1,050 feet discarded during 1924.

During the past year a number of new hydrants were installed. While we have been adding new hydrants in places where they were most needed, the requirements have been growing with equal rapidity; more hydrants could be used to advantage. Shorter lines at fires would be saving on wear and tear of hose. We shall probably find it necessary to install four new hydrants this year, and if the building movement and progress in the city continue as of late, even more hydrants will be required. I would therefore recommend that four new hydrants be installed this year.

I would bring to your attention the serious situation of our manual force and would recommend that eight additional men be put on the force together with two men to fill the present vacancies so that there will be sufficient men to man the apparatuses at all times.

I would recommend that three Siren Horns be purchased and installed at each Engine House as a traffic warning of the leaving of Fire Apparatuses.

It is my pleasure to extend to your Honorable Body my sincere appreciation of the co-operation given me during the past year, and for which I thank you. I also take the occasion to express my recognition of the loyal and valuable services rendered by the officers and members of the Department, who have my highest commendation and appreciation, and to the Police Department and the press of the City of Plainfield, I also tender my thanks and appreciation of their valued assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. DUNN,  
Chief, P. F. D.

# REPORT OF OVERSEER OF POOR

Plainfield, N. J., December 30, 1924.

To the Honorable, the Mayor, and the Common Council of the City of Plainfield, N. J.

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit to you the report of the Poor Department of our city for the year, 1924, in the different sections into which it is divided, with the disbursements for each, as has been the custom for a number of years; this being the thirteenth year for which the writer has done the same.

## OFFICE

The disbursements for the year are as follows:

Overseer . . . . .	\$1,500.00
Telephone (outside calls) . . . . .	.80
Carfares in City . . . . .	12.88
Railroad Fare and Expense . . . . .	1.20
Printing . . . . .	9.50
Stationery . . . . .	3.00
Postage . . . . .	7.11
Rent of Adding Machine . . . . .	10.00

\$1,544.49

## OUTDOOR RELIEF

23 families received in rents . . . . .	\$3,142.50
19 families received in provisions . . . . .	1,944.37
17 families received in fuel . . . . .	604.23
22 children received board and care	
2 men received board and care	
1 woman received board and care	
Total . . . . .	3,282.09

\$8,973.19

There were twenty-two cases heard in our City Police Court; eighteen on non-support, and four on Bastardy proceedings.

There was collected during the year for alimony, and paid out to those for whom it was intended, the sum of \$4,064.20.

## MISCELLANEOUS

Special Appropriations, V. N. A. . . . .	\$ 500.00
Special Appropriations, A. T. B. L. . . . .	500.00
Special Appropriations, Overseer to Convention . . . . .	50.00
Service, City Physician . . . . .	400.00
5 Commitments (Lunacy) . . . . .	\$95.00
4 Examinations . . . . .	20.00
	<u>115.00</u>
10 Burials . . . . .	250.00
Exchange—Typewriters . . . . .	\$43.50
Bought Typewriter Desk . . . . .	58.50
	<u>102.00</u>
Moving Families . . . . .	30.00
Transportations . . . . .	48.59
Repairs to Plumbing (Cottage Place House) . . . . .	6.95
Care of City Burial Plot . . . . .	15.00
Bought Ground for Addition to Plot . . . . .	250.00
Small Disbursements . . . . .	26.40

\$2,293.94

## INDUSTRIAL HOME

In this section we still have the same people in charge, and at the same compensation as during the year, 1923, viz:—

Superintendent and Matron . . . . .	\$1,000.00
Helper . . . . .	420.00
Cook . . . . .	120.00
Laundress, 53 weeks at \$2.50 per week . . . . .	132.50
Barber, 52 weeks at \$3.00 . . . . .	156.00

\$1,828.50

The other disbursements for this section for the year are as follows:

Telephone . . . . .	\$ 49.40
Baker . . . . .	238.98
2 Grocers . . . . .	710.37
Butcher . . . . .	332.05
Ice . . . . .	101.55
Coal . . . . .	438.80
Clothing . . . . .	46.93
Household Supplies . . . . .	58.26
Water . . . . .	38.12
Bedding . . . . .	78.06
Incidentals . . . . .	97.30
Insurance . . . . .	15.50
Cleaning Furnace and Repairs . . . . .	245.58
General Repairs . . . . .	238.28
Farm Expense . . . . .	170.70
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	\$2,859.88
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	\$4,688.38

#### RECAPITULATION OF ALL DEPARTMENTS

Office . . . . .	\$1,544.49
Outdoor Relief . . . . .	8,973.19
Miscellaneous . . . . .	2,293.94
Industrial Home . . . . .	4,688.38

Total . . . . . \$17,500.00

Which was the amount of the year's appropriation.

#### PRODUCTION OF CITY FARM

Cucumbers, 2 bushels; Cabbage, 50 heads; String Beans, 6 bushels; Tomatoes, 60 bushels; Beets, 5 bushels; Carrots, 6 bushels; Onions, 5 bushels; Peas, 1½ bushels; Lettuce, 100 heads; Egg Plants, 50; Peppers, 5 bushels; Peaches, 6 baskets; Grapes, 3 baskets; Lima Beans, 14 baskets; Winter Beans, 3 baskets; Sweet Potatoes, 3 baskets; Sweet Corn, 1,200 ears; Turnips, 15 bushels; Watermelons, 75; Potatoes, 40 bushels; Field Corn, 175 bushels; Stalks, 1,500 bundles; Corn Fodder, 2 tons; Oats, 1½ tons; Hay, 6 tons; Strawberries, 150 quarts; Pears, 10 bushels; Pumpkins, 100. Eggs and Milk supplied the Home.

#### SOLD FROM FARM

2 Veal Calves . . . . .	\$43.34
1 Farrow Cow . . . . .	35.00
Vegetables . . . . .	12.00
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	\$90.34

This amount was turned over to the City Treasurer.

Account of the inmates for the year is as follows:

	Male	Female	Total
Remaining December 31, 1923 . . . . .	4	2	6
Committed during 1924 . . . . .	6	4	10
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	10	6	16
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	Male	Female	
Died during 1924 . . . . .	1		
Left of own accord . . . . .	1	1	
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		2	
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		5	
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			3
			<hr/>
			13

The usual entertainments, Sunday meetings, etc., have been held and have been greatly appreciated by all connected with the Home.

The co-operation of the different Departments has been continued, and has helped in various ways to make the work pleasant, for which I wish to express my personal thanks, and extend Annual Greetings.

Very respectfully submitted,

GARRET T. DUNHAM,

Overseer of the Poor.

# REPORT OF THE BUILDING INSPECTOR

January 29, 1925.

To the Honorable, the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Plainfield,  
New Jersey.

Gentlemen:

I tender herewith my report as Inspector of Buildings for the year ending December 31, 1924.

During the year we have granted seven hundred fifty-six (756) permits, the valuation of which amounts to \$4,279,901.00.

Permit fees . . . . .	\$8,252.50
Building Codes . . . . .	141.00
Total collected and deposited . . . . .	\$8,393.50

## CLASSIFICATION OF PERMITS

162 for	164	Frame Dwellings
50 for	54	Frame Dwellings and Frame Garages
189 for	189	Frame Garages
3 for	3	Frame Stores
113 for	113	Frame Additions
61 for	61	Frame Alterations
1 for	1	Frame Chicken Coop
1 for	1	Frame Store and Apartment
3 for	3	Frame Barns
1 for	1	Frame Smoke Room
2 for	2	Frame Storages
5 for	5	Frame Signs
1 for	1	Frame Stable and Storage
1 for	1	Frame Fence
2 for	2	Brick Buildings
3 for	3	Brick Stores and Apartments
13 for	13	Brick Additions
1 for	1	Brick Lodge Room
6 for	6	Brick Alterations
4 for	4	Brick Chimneys
1 for	1	Brick Oven
2 for	2	Brick Schools
1 for	1	Brick Dwelling
1 for	1	Brick Warehouse
1 for	1	Brick Boiler Room
43 for	43	Cement Hollow Block Garages
8 for	8	Cement Hollow Block Additions
1 for	1	Cement Hollow Block Ice Cream Factory
2 for	2	Cement Hollow Block Boiler Rooms
2 for	2	Cement Hollow Block Stores
1 for	1	Cement Hollow Block Garage and Storage
2 for	2	Cement Hollow Block Foundations
1 for	1	Cement Hollow Block Dwelling
2 for	2	Cement Hollow Block Storages
4 for	4	Concrete and Brick Additions
1 for	1	Concrete Workshop
1 for	1	Concrete Garage
1 for	1	Concrete Boiler Room
3 for	3	Hollow Tile Garages
4 for	4	Hollow Tile Additions
2 for	2	Hollow Tile Service Stations
11 for	11	Sign Boards
16 for	16	Metal Signs
1 for	1	Metal Storage
3 for	3	Metal Garages
1 for	1	Metal Addition
2 for	2	New Store Fronts
1 for	1	New Heating System
10 for	10	Removal of Buildings
1 for	1	Corrugated Iron Garage
1 for	1	Corrugated Iron Addition
1 for	1	Steel Garage
1 for	1	Lunch Wagon
1 for	1	Rustic Shelter

756 Total



Twenty (20) buildings had violations written upon them and either repairs were made or the buildings were demolished, thereby removing all violations.

Six (6) "Stop Notices" were issued. These were removed as soon as the Building Code of the City of Plainfield was complied with.

Permits for which no fees were collected: 25 Demolition permits, 20 Ordinary Repair permits.

Under separate cover I have submitted my budget for the year, 1925, asking for \$15,600.00.

The Building Inspector is badly in need of a car in order to facilitate inspection.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS BUTLER,

Inspector of Buildings.

# REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

## MEMBERS AND OFFICIAL STAFF

STEPHEN H. VOORHEES, President.....	943 Madison Avenue
EDWARD S. KRANS, M. D., Secretary.....	920 Park Avenue
SAMUEL C. BLOODGOOD, Treasurer.....	237 East Ninth Street
MRS. EMMET A. QUARLES.....	139 East Seventh Street
DeWITT D. BARLOW.....	930 Woodland Avenue
N. J. RANDOLPH CHANDLER, Health Officer.....	1050 Sherman Avenue
HARRIET M. MERSHON, Assistant Health Officer, Bacteriologist and Registrar Vital Statistics.....	333 East Seventh Street
ELIZABETH J. ROSENSON, Office Secretary and Deputy Registrar Vital Statistics.....	720 Richmond Street
MARGARET ROGERS, R. N., Public Health Nurse.....	Scotch Plains
HATTIE B. MOORE, R. N., Social Case Worker.....	101 East Fifth Street
*THOMAS M. MORRIS, M. D., Clinician Venereal Disease Clinic .....	503 Park Avenue
JULIAN P. LINKE, M. D., Clinician Venereal Disease Clinic .....	245 East Front Street
ALBERT I. LITTELL, Plumbing Inspector.....	459 West Sixth Street
JOHN P. CONNAUGHTON, Sanitary Inspector.....	449 Orchard Place
DOROTHY SCHLEY, Laboratory and Office Assistant....	1044 Sherman Avenue

\*Part year.

## REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY

December 31, 1924.

To the Honorable, the Mayor and The Common Council, City of Plainfield,  
New Jersey.

Gentlemen:

In submitting this, the Thirty-sixth Annual Report of the Board of Health, we wish to call particular attention to the low death rate of 9.73 per thousand population, and our second lowest infant mortality rate of 58 per thousand births.

During the year a new Sanitary Code was drafted which it is proposed to adopt after the legal status of each chapter has been determined.

As plumbing installation is essentially a constructive operation, we feel that it would be more economical and practical for the city if the supervision of this work were transferred to the Building Department. The Board has carefully considered this matter for several years and would urge that adequate legislation be secured to enable such a transfer.

Again we cannot neglect the opportunity of impressing upon you certain vital and necessary improvements within our city which are constantly before us:

1. Adequate Isolation Hospital facilities.
2. Municipal Collection and Disposal of Household Waste.
3. Public Comfort Stations.

In conclusion, we would call your attention to the Report of the Health Officer which gives in detail the many and varied activities of this Board.

Respectfully submitted,

S. H. VOORHEES,  
President.

ANITA S. QUARLES,  
Secretary *Pro Tem*.

# REPORT OF THE TREASURER

To the Board of Health, City of Plainfield, N. J.

Gentlemen:

The following is the financial report for the year ending December 31, 1924:

## BOARD OF HEALTH ACCOUNT

### Receipts

Balance carried over from 1923.....	\$ 3,146.33	
Appropriation from Common Council for 1924....	17,000.00	
		<u>\$20,146.33.</u>
Reimbursements:		
Vaccine and Antitoxin .....	\$ 232.18	
Permit Plates .....	44.75	
Sale of Distilled Water .....	10.53	
Dairy Inspection Expenses .....	144.96	
Enforcement of Dog Ordinance .....	260.42	
		<u>\$ 692.84</u>
Earnings:		
Laboratory:		
Examination of Specimens.....	\$ 70.00	
Examination Milk and Water.....	13.50	
		<u>\$ 83.50</u>
Vital Statistics:		
Marriage Licenses .....	\$233.00	
Certified Copies and Searches.....	258.50	
		<u>491.50</u>
Plumbers' Examination Fees .....	30.00	
Interest on Deposits .....	58.32	
		<u>663.32</u>
		<u>1,356.16</u>
		<u>\$21,502.49</u>

### Disbursements

Salaries:		
Health Officer .....	\$ 3,200.00	
Assistant Health Officer, Registrar and Bacteriologist...	2,250.00	
Office Secretary and Deputy Registrar .....	1,800.00	
Public Health Nurse .....	1,300.00	
Office and Laboratory Assistant .....	885.00	
Plumbing Inspector .....	2,200.00	
Sanitary Inspector .....	879.99	
Extra Office Assistance .....	103.50	
		<u>\$12,618.49</u>
Laboratory:		
Equipment .....	\$ 92.09	
Supplies .....	103.88	
Gas .....	44.82	
Laundry .....	31.07	
Printing .....	20.00	
Sub-Station .....	23.05	
		<u>314.91</u>
Communicable Disease:		
General:		
Printing and Stationery .....	\$ 62.20	
Antitoxin and Vaccine .....	427.28	
Supplies .....	23.29	
		<u>\$ 512.77</u>
Small Pox:		
Care of Patient .....	\$ 130.00	
Consultation Fee .....	5.00	
Telephone and Miscellaneous Expenses...	21.39	
Vaccine and Supplies .....	244.70	
Printing .....	4.00	
		<u>405.09</u>
Rabies Control (Enforcement of Dog Ordinance):		
Collecting Dogs .....	\$ 58.34	
Pound Expenses .....	112.63	
Miscellaneous Supplies and Expenses.....	31.89	
Public Hearing Expenses .....	96.10	
		<u>298.96*</u>

\*\$260.42 was received from the City on account of this expenditure. See Receipts.

### Venereal Disease:

Salaries .....	\$ 3,200.00	
Supplies and Carfare .....	14.66	
		<u>3,214.66</u>
		<u>4,431.48</u>

## General Expenses:

Telephone . . . . .	\$	182.37	
Expressage and Cartage . . . . .		8.61	
Stationery and Office Supplies . . . . .		164.30	
Postage and Stamped Envelopes . . . . .		177.76	
Printing . . . . .		250.10	
Educational:			
Conferences . . . . .	\$135.58		
Publications, etc. . . . .	42.31		
			177.89
Transportation:			
Maintenance 3 cars . . . . .	\$1,429.25		
Bicycle . . . . .	28.30		
Railroad and Carfares . . . . .	13.08		
			1,470.63
New Automobile . . . . .		530.00	
Dairy Inspection . . . . .		163.85	
Post Office Box Rent . . . . .		6.00	
Plumbers' Examination Supplies . . . . .		21.84	
2 Smoke Machines . . . . .		84.00	
Mimeograph Stand . . . . .		22.50	
Desk, 2 Chairs, and Filing Section . . . . .		126.70	
Step Ladder, etc. . . . .		8.88	
Infant Welfare Committee Supplies . . . . .		79.95	
Permit Signs . . . . .		30.00	
Notary's Commission and Affidavit . . . . .		11.00	
Typewriter . . . . .		94.50	
Miscellaneous Petty Expenditures . . . . .		36.61	
			\$ 3,647.49
			\$21,012.37
Balance, Bank, December 31, 1924 . . . . .	\$	440.12	
Cash . . . . .		50.00	
			490.12
			\$21,502.49

## FEES AND FINES ACCOUNT

## Receipts

Plumbing Permits . . . . .	\$	1,624.50	
Garbage Permits . . . . .		87.00	
Barber Shops, Hair Dressing Establishments, etc., Permits..		60.00	
Milk Permits . . . . .		206.00	
Ice Permits . . . . .		52.00	
Slaughter House and Slaughterers' Permits . . . . .		25.00	
Fines . . . . .		80.00	
			\$ 2,134.50

## Disbursements

Paid to City Treasurer for Permits . . . . .	\$	2,054.50	
Paid to City Treasurer for Fines . . . . .		80.00	
			\$ 2,134.50

## SUMMARY

## Receipts

Balance carried over from 1923 . . . . .	\$	3,146.33	
Appropriation from Common Council for 1924 . . . . .		17,000.00	
			\$20,146.33
Reimbursements . . . . .	\$	692.84	
Earnings . . . . .		663.32	
			1,356.16
Fees—Permits . . . . .	\$	2,054.50	
Fines . . . . .		80.00	
			2,134.50
			\$23,636.99

## Disbursements

Board of Health Expenses . . . . .	\$21,012.37		
Fees and Fines paid to City Treasurer . . . . .	2,134.50		
			\$23,146.87
Balance, Bank, December 31, 1924 . . . . .	\$	440.12	
Cash . . . . .		50.00	
			490.12
			\$23,636.99

Respectfully submitted,

S. C. BLOODGOOD, Treasurer.



## REPORT OF THE PLUMBERS' EXAMINING BOARD

December 31, 1924.

Board of Health, Plainfield, N. J.

Gentlemen:

The following is submitted as a report of the Plumbers' Examining Board for the year:

Number examinations held .....	3
Number applicants appearing for examination .....	6
Number recommended for Master Plumbers' license .....	2
Percentage successful .....	33 $\frac{1}{3}$

Respectfully submitted,  
ALBERT I. LITTELL,  
Secretary.

## REPORT OF THE HEALTH OFFICER

December 31, 1924.

To the Board of Health, Plainfield, N. J.

Gentlemen:

In submitting the detailed report of the activities of the Department for the past year, particular attention is called to the following figures and rates for the past three years:

	1922	1923	1924
Estimated population .....	29,426	30,250	31,035
Marriage rate per thousand population .....	7.54	6.84	6.86
Birth rate per thousand population .....	24.71	21.02	22.78
Still-birth rate per thousand population .....	0.38	0.76	0.77
Death rate per thousand population .....	10.70	11.31	9.73
Diphtheria rate per thousand population .....	1.36	0.96	1.19
Scarlet Fever rate per thousand population .....	2.89	1.52	6.48
Tuberculosis rate per thousand population .....	1.53	1.52	1.16
Typhoid Fever rate per thousand population .....	0.24	0.17	0.22

(All figures and rates in this Report are based on residents only.)

## COMMUNICABLE DISEASE

### SCARLET FEVER

The marked increase in the incidence of this disease is undoubtedly due to the unusually mild type which prevailed this year in Plainfield and throughout the country, the known cases being the result of contact with unrecognized cases or possibly carriers who show no signs of illness.

Considerable progress has been made during the past year in the general control of Scarlet Fever by means of the Dick Test which is likely to prove of inestimable value to the public, and particularly to children who are the most susceptible to infection. The seriousness is not altogether in an attack of the disease itself, but because of its sequela which develop in later life and frequently result in death, thus raising its potential mortality to a very high point.

The test is similar to the Schick Test for Diphtheria, and immunity to those susceptible may be developed by injections of a prepared streptococci toxin.

### DIPHTHERIA

While the increase in the number of cases of this disease over the previous year is only slight, the one death which resulted should be sufficient to awaken the interest of parents in the application of the Schick Test and the use of Toxin-anti-toxin when indicated. So definitely has the efficacy of this preventive measure been proved that failure to use it by those having children under their care, might be designated as criminal. An ounce of prevention is infinitely better than a pound of cure when human suffering and lives are at stake. It is the intention to begin an educational campaign in Plainfield early this coming year and to offer free immunization in at least one of the public schools.

## RABIES

Following the unusual prevalence of Rabies toward the end of 1923, and apprehending a further spread of the disease among animals having contact with known cases, the Mayor was requested to issue a proclamation ordering all dogs within the city confined or on leash. For the purpose of enforcing this proclamation a Dog Catcher and Pound Keeper were appointed and all dogs found at large were caught and held for three days, unless sooner redeemed. All unredeemed dogs were destroyed by gas, and buried.

While the Mayor's proclamation was in force, an ordinance making it mandatory for dogs to be vaccinated against Rabies within one year before a license is issued, was submitted to the Common Council for adoption. At the request of the Council the Board of Health held a Public Hearing on the proposed ordinance at which time much opposition developed. Despite this opposition and basing opinion solely upon the protection to the public, the Board recommended the adoption of the ordinance as submitted.

Twelve cases of Rabies in dogs were reported during the year. Sixteen heads were sent to the State Laboratory of Hygiene for examination, eight of which were positive, one suspicious, and seven negative.

## SMALLPOX

Not many years ago the mere mention of Smallpox was sufficient to fill the public mind with alarm almost to the point of panic. Now the knowledge that a case exists in one's locality occasions little concern. Unfortunately this attitude is in a measure a dangerous one and accounts for the spread of the disease. The very general vaccination of school children which has been practiced for many years has created a confidence in the immunity thus conferred so that re-vaccination after five years has been neglected. As a result exposure to infection may mean the contraction of the disease; and one never knows when contact with the disease may occur for it has manifested itself in so light a form in this part of the country during the years since 1907, that it has frequently been mistaken for chicken pox.

During the early part of 1924, the malignant type which is ever present in Mexico and some of the European countries, made its appearance in the middle West and Canada, and since then appeared in various localities throughout the country, our own state included, where several deaths resulted.

The solution of the problem is simple: vaccination and re-vaccination at five year intervals.

In July, a case of chicken pox was reported in the person of a colored man, age 22. In accordance with the usual procedure, a careful investigation was made and when it was found that the patient had never been vaccinated and learning of three cases in a nearby municipality, the Epidemiologist of the State Department of Health was requested to examine the patient, and the case was pronounced smallpox.

The patient was removed to the Isolation Hospital at Elizabeth, through the courtesy of the Elizabeth Board of Health, where an uneventful recovery took place.

Immediately following the diagnosis the following plan was carried out to prevent the spread of the disease:

Nine physicians who volunteered their services in addition to six police officers and members of our Staff made an early morning vaccination crusade in the two neighborhoods visited by the patient. Five hundred and fifty vaccinations were done between the hours of 4.30 and 10.15 on the morning following the report of the case.

Two vaccination clinics, one in the east end and one in the west end of the city, were subsequently opened where twelve sessions were held, in addition to the regular daily clinic at Muhlenberg Hospital. Volunteer physicians, nurses from the Visiting Nurse Association and others, and members of our Staff, assisted at these clinics.

A station for the after-care of vaccinations was opened at our Laboratory where dressings were changed.

Approximately 3,000 persons were vaccinated as the result of this case.

As a further precaution against the spread of the disease, examinations were made of those who had been in immediate contact with the patient. No additional cases developed.

The following tables, giving the number of cases and deaths reported during 1924, are comparisons of the present year with the two preceding years:

	1922		1923		1924	
	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths
Scarlet Fever . . . . .	85	2	46	0	201	0
Diphtheria . . . . .	35	3	27	0	35	1
Diphtheria Carriers . . . .	5	0	2	0	2	0
Typhoid Fever . . . . .	7	2	5	3	7	1
Paratyphoid Fever . . . .	2	0	3	1	1	0
Tuberculosis . . . . .	42	19	28	19	31	15
Pneumonia . . . . .	106	29	131	41	92	21
Influenza . . . . .	69	11	0	4	4	2
Measles . . . . .	361	3	456	0	254	3
German Measles . . . . .	179	0	18	0	11	0
Chicken Pox . . . . .	51	0	109	0	45	1
Whooping Cough . . . . .	127	8	11	0	34	3
Anterior Poliomyelitis . .	3	0	1	0	3	0
Ophthaemia Neonatorum . .	1	0	2	0	0	0
Cerebro Spinal Meningitis	5	3	1	0	0	0
Smallpox . . . . .	0	0	0	0	1	0
Miscellaneous . . . . .	3	0	0	0	0	0
	1,081	80	840	68	721	47

TUBERCULOSIS

	Cases Reported		Totals
	Prior to 1924	During 1924	
Active Cases:			
In City close of 1923 . . . . .	27		
Out of City close of 1923 . . . . .	17		
Returned to List . . . . .	1		
Unreported cases (1923) carried over . . . . .	3		
New Cases:			
Reported . . . . .		31	
Unreported . . . . .		5	
	48	36	
Total Cases . . . . .			84
Taken Off Record:			
Deaths:			
In Plainfield . . . . .	7	8	
Out of Plainfield . . . . .	6	8	
			29
Cured, etc. . . . .	7	0	7
Left town permanently . . . . .	9	2	11
Total taken off record . . . . .	29	18	47
			37
Active Cases:			
In City close of 1924 . . . . .	12	14	26
Out of City close of 1924 . . . . .	7	4	11
	19	18	
			37
Case rate per thousand population . . . . .	1.16		
Death rate per thousand population . . . . .	0.97		
Percentage of all deaths . . . . .	9.6		

TUBERCULOSIS

Type	Total	Age						Color		Sex		Conjugal State			?
		-5	5-20	20-40	40-60	60+	W.	W.	C.	M.	F.	M.	S.	W.	
Lungs . .	31	0	4	17	8	2	24	7	12	19	14	10	3	4	
Meninges	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	
Miliary . .	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	
Bowels . .	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	
Kidney . .	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	
Hip, Spine	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	
	36	0	4	22	8	2	27	9	14	22	18	11	3	4	

## VENEREAL DISEASE CONTROL

The value of this work has clearly demonstrated the imperative need of continuing the clinic which the Board established at Muhlenberg Hospital, and has maintained since 1919.

The accompanying tables, however, only inadequately express the actual results which are too far-reaching and accomplished through means too indirect, to reduce to figures. The follow-up work of the nurse and the influence carried by the patients who attend the clinic to their families and friends, are perhaps the largest part of the work.

### Total number persons treated at V. D. Clinic:

	Syphilis	Gonorrhoea	Chancroid	Total
Male . . . . .	77	19	2	98
Female . . . . .	80	8	1	89
	<u>157</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>187</u>

### New patients admitted to Clinic:

Male . . . . .	23	12	2	37
Female . . . . .	30	7	2	39
	<u>53</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>76</u>

### Total number treatments, including Salvarsan:

Male . . . . .	827	55	4	886
Female . . . . .	1,066	76	6	1,148
	<u>1,893</u>	<u>131</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>2,034</u>

### Total number doses Salvarsan administered:

Male . . . . .	202			202
Female . . . . .	309			309
	<u>511</u>			<u>511</u>

### Total number visits for treatment, examination or advice:

Male . . . . .				979
Female . . . . .				1,202
				<u>2,181</u>

### Cases treated by month for past four years:

	1921	1922	1923	1924
January . . . . .	65	240	207	170
February . . . . .	53	103	212	159
March . . . . .	77	98	227	170
April . . . . .	86	119	228	161
May . . . . .	85	141	230	152
June . . . . .	90	153	220	151
July . . . . .	104	166	207	155
August . . . . .	92	172	206	161
September . . . . .	96	181	197	162
October . . . . .	57	189	205	182
November . . . . .	67	197	197	162
December . . . . .	70	197	187	151

The following table shows the number of inspections and visits made in connection with communicable diseases (exclusive of venereal diseases):

Quarantine . . . . .	398
Release . . . . .	439
Removals to Hospital . . . . .	20
Miscellaneous . . . . .	<u>1,246</u>
Total . . . . .	<u>2,103</u>
Cultures taken by Public Health Nurse . . . . .	449

## DIAGNOSTIC WORK

Nine hundred and fifty-two (952) specimens were examined in the Laboratory during the year, 1924:

Specimens	Negative	Result ?	Positive	Totals
Diphtheria . . . . .	641	40	147	828
Tuberculosis . . . . .	78	2	14	94
Typhoid Fever . . . . .	12	3	0	15
Malaria . . . . .	2	0	0	2
Gonorrhoea . . . . .	4	8	1	13
	<u>737</u>	<u>53</u>	<u>162</u>	<u>952</u>



## CHILD HYGIENE

The following visits were made in connection with Infant Welfare during the year:

Prenatal visits . . . . .	132	
Infant visits:		
Well babies . . . . .	819	
Sick babies . . . . .	2	
Miscellaneous . . . . .	16	
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	837	969
Calls at school . . . . .	12	
Calls at hospital . . . . .	4	
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		16
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		985

## INFANT MORTALITY

Year	No. Births	No. Deaths under one year	No. Deaths per thousand
1903 . . . . .	311	45	144
1912 . . . . .	494	61	124
1917 . . . . .	696	57	82
1920 . . . . .	687	48	70
1921 . . . . .	718	34	47
1922 . . . . .	727	55	75
1923 . . . . .	636	48	75
1924 . . . . .	707	41	58

Attention is invited to the very full report of the Infant Welfare Committee which is incorporated in this report.

## VITAL STATISTICS

Returns of marriages, births, still-births and deaths of residents and non-residents were received during the year, as follows:

	Residents		Total	Non-	
	Occurring In City	Occurring** Out of City	Residents	Residents	Total
Marriages . . . . .	182	31	213	51	264
Births . . . . .	707	0	707	295	1,002
Still-Births . . . . .	24	0	24	7	31
Deaths . . . . .	299	3	302	127	429
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	1,212	34	1,246	480	1,726

## COMPARATIVE TABLE—RESIDENTS

(\*Rates are per thousand population)

Year	Marriages		Births		Still-Births		Deaths	
	No.	Rate	No.	Rate	No.	Rate	No.	Rate
1921	191	6.66	718	25.02	23	.80	304	11.08
1922	221	7.54	727	24.71	18	.61	315	10.70
1923	207	6.84	636	21.02	23	.76	342	11.31
1924	213	6.86	707	22.78	24	.77	302	9.73

\*\*These figures are obtained from copies of certificates sent from other municipalities.

\*Rates are based on total residents.

## NATIONALITY TABLES

Marriages, Births, Still-Births and Deaths

	Marriages		Births		Still-Births		Deaths
	Brides	B'grooms	Mothers	Fathers	Mothers	Fathers	
Austria-Hungary . .	0	1	9	11	0	0	2
England . . . . .	3	1	17	14	0	1	5
France . . . . .	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
Germany . . . . .	2	2	7	5	1	0	7
Ireland . . . . .	6	2	18	13	2	1	23
Italy . . . . .	15	21	136	152	5	5	8
Russia . . . . .	2	4	19	19	0	0	6
Scotland . . . . .	3	3	4	8	0	0	8
United States . . .	139	131	436	413	16	16	222
Other Countries . .	11	16	59	67	0	1	16
Not Stated . . . . .	1	1	1	4	0	0	2
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	182		707		24		299

# MARRIAGES

The following table will show the marriages according to ages:

	Brides	Bridegrooms
Under 18 years . . . . .	11	8
18-25 years . . . . .	99	59
25-30 years . . . . .	39	60
30-35 years . . . . .	14	27
35-40 years . . . . .	11	6
40-45 years . . . . .	2	10
45-50 years . . . . .	1	5
50-60 years . . . . .	3	4
Over 60 years . . . . .	2	3

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The following table will show the number of first, second and third marriages:

First . . . . .	165	168
Second . . . . .	16	14
Third . . . . .	1	0

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Color:

White . . . . .	135
Colored . . . . .	47
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# DEATHS UNDER ONE YEAR OF AGE

Cause	Color		Sex		1924								Nativity of Mother					Total
	White	Colored	Male	Female	Under 1 day	1-7 days	7 days-1 month	1-2 months	2-4 months	4-8 months	8-12 months	United States	Italy	England	Austria	Russia	Poland, Portugal, W. Indies & Spain	
Premature Births.....	8	4	8	4	3	1	6	0	1	1	0	10	1	0	0	0	1	12
Colitis, Enteritis, etc. ....	4	4	3	5	0	1	3	0	0	4	0	6	1	0	2	0	0	8
Difficult Labor.....	4	0	2	2	3	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	4
Pneumonia.....	1	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	1
Patent Foramen Ovale.....	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2
Malnutrition.....	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
Atelectasis.....	2	0	0	2	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1
Spina Bifida.....	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Syphilis.....	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1
Whooping Cough.....	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Chicken Pox.....	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1
Measles.....	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Acute Dilatation of Heart.....	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Cerebral Convulsions.....	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Congenital Umbilical Hernia.....	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Hydrocephalus.....	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
	29	12	18	23	8	8	9	2	4	8	2	27	6	1	2	1	4	41

# BIRTHS

Sex		White 616	Color Black 90	Red 1
Male 366	Female 361			
707		707		
Number of Children of Mother:				
First				203
Second				161
Third				125
Fourth				58
Fifth				52
Sixth				31
Seventh				29
Eighth				16
Ninth				15
Tenth				8
Eleventh				5
Twelfth				3
Not Stated				1
				707
Number children born in hospitals				338
Number born at home				369
				707
Number attended by physicians				662
Number attended by osteopaths				3
Number attended by midwives				19
Number unattended				23
				707
Number pairs twins born during 1924				12
Number illegitimate children:				
White				2
Colored				6

# STILL-BIRTHS

Sex		Color				
Male 14	Female 10	White 16			Black 8	
Period of Gestation						
	Total	Full term	8 mos.	7 mos.	6 mos.	Not stated
Native White . . . . .	8	6	1	1	0	0
Foreign White . . . . .	8	6	1	0	0	1
Colored . . . . .	8	6	0	2	0	0
Number of Children of Mother						
	Native White	Foreign White	Colored			
First . . . . .	2	1	1			
Second . . . . .	2	1	4			
Third . . . . .	1	1	1			
Fourth . . . . .	1	1	0			
Fifth . . . . .	0	0	1			
Sixth . . . . .	2	0	0			
Seventh . . . . .	0	2	1			
Eighth . . . . .	0	1	0			
Thirteenth . . . . .	0	1	0			
Causes of Still-Birth:						
Acephalous Monster . . . . .			1			
Icterus . . . . .			1			
Bright's Disease in Mother . . . . .			1			
Premature separation of placenta . . . . .			1			
Prolapse of cord . . . . .			1			
Breech . . . . .			7			
Dystocia . . . . .			2			
Placenta Praevia . . . . .			1			
Unknown . . . . .			9			
			24			
Place of Still-Birth:						
Hospitals . . . . .			15			
At home . . . . .			9			
			24			
Attended by physicians . . . . .			22			
Attended by midwife . . . . .			1			
Unattended . . . . .			1			
			24			



## DEATHS

Sex		Color		Social Condition					?	Total
Male	Female	White	Col.	Single	Married	Wid'd	Divo'd			
135	164	257	42	91	119	87	1		1	299
Ages:										
Under 1 week										15
1 week-1 month										10
1 month-1 year										16
1-2 years										8
2-5 years										8
5-10 years										4
10-15 years										2
15-20 years										4
20-25 years										8
25-30 years										6
30-35 years										9
35-40 years										13
40-45 years										11
45-50 years										15
50-55 years										17
55-60 years										22
60-70 years										43
70-80 years										55
80-90 years										24
90-100 years										6
Over 100 years										2
Not Stated										1
										299

### Principal Causes of Deaths:

Diseases of the Heart	55
Cerebral Hemorrhage	33
Early Infancy	33
Cancer	24
Diseases of the Kidneys	22
Pneumonia	21
Tuberculosis	15
Accidents	15
Diabetes	7
Puerperal State	6
Arterio Sclerosis	6
Suicide, Homicide, etc.	5
Diseases of the Stomach (Cancer excepted)	4
Syphilis	4
Whooping Cough	3
Measles	3
Influenza	2
Diphtheria	1
Typhoid Fever	1
Chicken Pox	1
Acute Meningitis	1
Miscellaneous	37
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## FOOD SUPPLY

Foods may be divided into two general divisions: Animal and Vegetable. Those from animal sources, such as milk and meat, present the greatest sanitary problem and therefore require the closest supervision in handling. Particularly is this true of milk whose changes in wholesomeness develop with amazing rapidity. Without doubt adequate supervision of this article of diet is a most essential function of a well-regulated health department. Recognition of its importance was one of the first steps in public health administration in this city. Our system, which has been in effect for many years, includes: Laboratory Analysis, Dairy Inspection, Creamery and Milk Plant Inspection.

Tables showing the average bacteria, butter fat and solid content of the milk supplied to Plainfield during the year, are submitted.

Our meat supply, with the exception of a small quantity of farm-killed pork and veal, is all from Federal inspected packing plants.

Supervision of all other food products is accomplished by continual inspections of the places where food is manufactured, handled, stored or sold in the city. As a rule we find that our dealers endeavor to co-operate with us.

# MILK, CREAM AND WATER

## Number of Samples Analyzed:

Milk—regular supply . . . . .	470
Milk—special samples . . . . .	163
Cream—regular supply . . . . .	135
Breast Milk . . . . .	18
Water—City . . . . .	12
Other Supplies . . . . .	11
Water—swimming pools . . . . .	43
	852

## MILK

### AVERAGE ANALYSIS TABULATED IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER—1924

Name	Class	Fats	Solids	Solids Not Fats	Specific Gravity	Bacteria Per CC
Borden Farm Prod. Co. . . . .	Cert.	3.75	12.50	8.75	1.0315	3,500
"A" . . . . .	Past.	3.53	11.99	8.46	1.0304	3,800
"B" . . . . .	Past.	3.46	11.98	8.52	1.0294	25,000
Cooley, Mrs. Gifford . . . . .	Raw	4.24	13.55	9.11	1.0325	6,800
Cooley, Dr. J. H. . . . .	Raw	4.71	13.71	9.00	1.0317	79,000
Dodds, James McK. . . . .	Raw	3.79	12.42	8.63	1.0309	43,000
Jennings, F. B. . . . .	Raw	3.42	12.03	8.61	1.0312	25,000
	Past.	3.46	11.88	8.42	1.0303	63,000
Kelley, Chris J. . . . .	Raw	3.75	12.33	8.58	1.0309	36,000
Krog, R. H. . . . .	Raw	3.51	11.90	8.39	1.0298	5,100
Muller Bros. . . . .	Raw	3.53	12.08	8.55	1.0305	52,000
Mutual Dairy Co. . . . .	Past.	3.29	11.78	8.49	1.0306	81,000
Plainfield Milk & Cream Co. . . . .	Cert.	3.86	12.68	8.82	1.0316	5,700
	Raw	3.44	12.06	8.62	1.0311	55,000
Regular . . . . .	Past.	3.57	12.07	8.50	1.0305	33,000
Special . . . . .	Past.	3.46	11.92	8.46	1.0305	29,000
Voorhees, Mrs. A. P. . . . .	Raw	3.56	12.11	8.55	1.0308	35,000
Wood Brook Farms . . . . .	Cert.	3.88	12.75	8.87	1.0319	4,900
	Past.	3.38	11.78	8.40	1.0302	31,000

### AVERAGE PERCENTAGE OF FATS AND SOLIDS

Name	Class	Fats	Solids
Cooley, Dr. J. H. . . . .	Raw	4.71	13.71
Cooley, Mrs. Gifford . . . . .	Raw	4.24	13.35
Wood Brook Farms . . . . .	Certified	3.88	12.75
Plainfield Milk and Cream Co. . . . .			
Raritan Valley Farm . . . . .	Certified	3.86	12.68
Dodds, James McK. . . . .	Raw	3.79	12.42
Borden Farm Products Co. . . . .	Certified	3.75	12.50
Kelley, Chris J. . . . .	Raw	3.75	12.33
Plainfield Milk and Cream Co., Reg. . . . .	Pasteurized	3.57	12.07
Voorhees, Mrs. A. P. . . . .	Raw	3.56	12.11
Muller Bros. . . . .	Raw	3.53	12.08
Borden Farm Products Co. "A" . . . . .	Pasteurized	3.53	11.99
Krog, R. H. . . . .	Raw	3.51	11.90
Borden Farm Products Co. "B" . . . . .	Pasteurized	3.46	11.98
Plainfield Milk and Cream Co., Special . . . . .	Pasteurized	3.46	11.92
Jennings, F. B. . . . .	Pasteurized	3.46	11.88
Plainfield Milk and Cream Co. . . . .	Raw	3.44	12.06
Jennings, F. B. . . . .	Raw	3.42	12.03
Wood Brook Farms . . . . .	Pasteurized	3.38	11.78
Mutual Dairy Company . . . . .	Pasteurized	3.29	11.78

### AVERAGE NUMBER OF BACTERIA PER C. C.

Name	Bacteria Per C.C.
Certified Milks	
Borden Farm Products Company . . . . .	3,500
Wood Brook Farms . . . . .	4,900
Plainfield Milk and Cream Company . . . . .	
Raritan Valley Farm . . . . .	5,700
Other Raw Milks	
Krog, R. H. . . . .	5,100
Cooley, Mrs. Gifford . . . . .	6,800
Jennings, F. B. . . . .	25,000
Voorhees, Mrs. A. P. . . . .	35,000
Kelley, Chris J. . . . .	36,000
Dodds, James McK. . . . .	43,000
Muller Bros. . . . .	52,000
Plainfield Milk and Cream Company . . . . .	55,000
Cooley, Dr. J. H. . . . .	79,000

### Pasteurized Milks

Borden Farm Products Company "A" .....	3,900
Borden Farm Products Company "B" .....	25,000
Plainfield Milk and Cream Company—Special .....	29,000
Wood Brook Farms .....	31,000
Plainfield Milk and Cream Company—Regular .....	33,000
Jennings, F. B. ....	63,000
Mutual Dairy Company .....	81,000

### AVERAGE ANALYSES OF ALL SAMPLES OF MILK FOR PAST TWENTY-THREE YEARS

Year	Fats	Solids	Solids Not Fats	Specific Gravity	Bacteria Per C. C.
1902 . . . . .	4.38	13.23	8.35	1.0321	129,000
1903 . . . . .	4.27	13.20	8.93	1.0310	63,000
1904 . . . . .	3.97	12.94	8.97	1.0310	98,000
1905 . . . . .	4.18	13.17	8.99	1.0307	43,000
1906 . . . . .	4.05	13.01	8.96	1.0307	142,000
1907 . . . . .	4.04	13.08	9.04	1.0321	91,000
1908 . . . . .	4.10	13.17	9.07	1.0327	52,000
1909 . . . . .	4.05	13.11	9.06	1.0327	44,000
1910 . . . . .	3.99	13.05	9.06	1.0327	39,000
1911 . . . . .	3.76	12.83	9.07	1.0321	131,000
1912 . . . . .	3.92	12.79	8.86	1.0320	43,000
1913 . . . . .	4.02	13.80	8.76	1.0316	48,000
1914 . . . . .	3.92	12.64	8.66	1.0314	39,000
1915 . . . . .	3.67	12.57	8.70	1.0311	47,000
1916 . . . . .	3.78	12.49	8.71	1.0311	68,000
1917 . . . . .	3.71	12.16	8.45	1.0303	53,000
1918 . . . . .	3.70	13.37	8.67	1.0292	185,000
1919 . . . . .	3.66	12.20	8.54	1.0305	74,000
1920 . . . . .	3.62	13.06	8.44	1.0302	48,000
1921 . . . . .	3.53	12.16	8.63	1.0305	44,000
1922 . . . . .	3.69	12.29	8.60	1.0309	34,000
1923 . . . . .	3.69	12.26	8.57	1.0308	39,000
1924 . . . . .	3.65	12.27	8.62	1.0309	34,000

### CREAM

#### Average Analyses of Samples in Alphabetical Order

Name	Fats	Bacteria Per C. C.
Cooley, Mrs. Gifford .....	42.40	336,000
Cooley, Dr. J. H. ....	40.25	1,524,000
Borden Farm Products Company		
Extra Heavy .....	42.72	519,000
Route .....	23.08	565,000
Jennings, F. B. ....	43.05	2,152,000
Mutual Dairy Company .....	42.81	2,160,000
Plainfield Milk and Cream Company.....	39.12	517,000
Wood Brook Farms .....	41.00	1,205,000

### WATER

The following is a complete analysis of the City Water made by the State Laboratory of Hygiene at Trenton.

#### (Parts per Million)

Color .....	0	
Odor, cold .....	0	
Turbidity .....	0	
Total solids .....	275	
Mineral residue .....	205	
Loss on ignition .....	70	
Appearance on ignition .....	No Char.	
Nitrogen as:		
Free ammonia .....	.000	
Albuminoid .....	.040	
Nitrites .....	.001	
Nitrates .....	1.60	
B. Coli (indicated) .....	Absent in	5 c. c.
Chlorine .....	8.5	
Alkalinity .....	118.0	
Hardness, total .....	150.0	
Iron .....	0.6	

Routine analyses have been made monthly and no evidence of pollution found.

The analyses by the State Laboratory of Hygiene show the supply to continue uniform in quality.

The following inspections were made in connection with food and drink:

Milk		
Bottling places and Milk Stations	54	
Creameries	43	
Dairies	111	
Stores	56	
Miscellaneous	18	
	<u>282</u>	
Water		
Inspections	26	
	<u>26</u>	
Ice		
Inspections	16	
	<u>16</u>	
Food		
Bakeries	160	
Bakery Wagons	64	
Confectioneries	82	
Food Exposure	117	
Groceries	368	
Markets	192	
Meat	101	
Restaurants	60	
Slaughter Houses	208	
	<u>1,252</u>	
	<u>1,576</u>	

## GENERAL SANITATION

### General Inspections:

Alleys	608	
Back Yards	4,759	
Barber Shops, Hairdressing Establishments, etc.	39	
Public Drinking Facilities	36	
Dumps	83	
Factories	30	
Laundries	9	
Priy Vault and Cesspools	93	
Poultry Yards	60	
Permits	14	
Schools	2	
Stables and Manure	64	
Toilets	330	
Swimming Pools	25	
Housing	559	
Miscellaneous	323	
	<u>7,037</u>	
Inspections in connection with Clean-Up Week	443	
Complaints:		
Original Inspections	313	
Reinspections	427	
	<u>740</u>	

### Plumbing:

Water Tests:		
Approved	473	
Rejected	0	
	<u>473</u>	
Smoke Tests:		
Approved	397	
Rejected	0	
	<u>397</u>	
Additions and Alterations	267	
Old Systems	175	
Reinspections	13	
Iron Sewer Connections	443	
	<u>1,768</u>	
No. permits issued	500	
No. plans approved	511	

## COMPLAINTS OF NUISANCES

No. remaining from previous years	15	
No. received during 1924	313	
	<u>328</u>	
No. Abated:		
Prior to 1924	12	
Received during 1924	300	
	<u>312</u>	
No. Unabated:		
Prior to 1924	3	
Received during 1924	13	
	<u>16</u>	
	<u>328</u>	



# Causes for Which Complaints Were Made:

Unsanitary Yards . . . . .	50
Defective Plumbing . . . . .	49
Garbage Improperly Cared For . . . . .	47
No Water . . . . .	39
Chickens at Large . . . . .	30
Dumping . . . . .	14
Dirty Houses . . . . .	12
Dirty Cellars . . . . .	6
Dirty Chicken Yards . . . . .	4
Manure Improperly Cared For . . . . .	4
Overflowing Cesspools . . . . .	3
No Sewer Connection . . . . .	3
Miscellaneous . . . . .	24
No Cause . . . . .	28
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## PROSECUTIONS

Cause	No. Fined	Sentence Suspended
Breaking Quarantine . . . . .	3	4
Garbage Improperly Cared For . . . . .	4	0
Chickens at Large . . . . .	0	1
Stoppage in Sewer . . . . .	0	1
Manure Thrown on Premises . . . . .	0	1
No Heat . . . . .	0	1
Selling Milk Without Permit . . . . .	0	1
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## PERMITS

Plumbing . . . . .	500
Barber Shops . . . . .	41
Hairdressing Establishments . . . . .	21
Garbage . . . . .	27
Offal . . . . .	5
Scavenger . . . . .	1
Ice . . . . .	29
Poultry Slaughter Houses . . . . .	3
Poultry Slaughterers . . . . .	2
Milk:	
Regular Dealers . . . . .	13
Small Dealers . . . . .	7
Stores . . . . .	59
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The following is a summary of the visits and inspections made during the year:

No. visits in connection with communicable disease . . . . .	2,103
No. visits in connection with child hygiene . . . . .	985
No. inspections in connection with food and drink . . . . .	1,576
No. inspections in connection with general sanitation:	
General Work . . . . .	7,037
Clean-Up Week . . . . .	443
Complaints . . . . .	740
Plumbing . . . . .	1,768
	<hr/> 9,988
Total number Visits and Inspections . . . . .	14,652

I wish to express my appreciation to the Board, the Mayor and the Common Council, the City Officials and all others who have assisted in our efforts to maintain the high standard of public health administration which our city requires.

Respectfully submitted,

N. J. RANDOLPH CHANDLER,  
Health Officer.

## REPORT OF THE INFANT WELFARE COMMITTEE

December 31, 1925.

Board of Health, Plainfield, N. J.

Gentlemen:

In an effort to reduce the infant morbidity and mortality in Plainfield, the Board of Health invited representatives of the Visiting Nurse Association and Muhlenberg Hospital to meet it to discuss this problem. As the result of the

meeting, a permanent Infant Welfare Committee was formed, composed of one member and the executive of each organization, and a physician.

As a means of emphasizing the importance of prenatal and infant welfare work, and with a view to securing further co-operation from the physicians practicing in the city, the Medical Society of Plainfield was asked to have a speaker present the subject at one of its meetings, and Dr. Henry Dwight Chapin, a Child Specialist, later addressed the Society on this matter.

The physicians were requested to advise the Committee of the number of obstetrical cases which came under their attention during 1923 that did not receive adequate prenatal care. A reply was received from every physician, through which it was learned that there were approximately one hundred, and that the greater number of these were foreigners.

A study of the birth records for 1924 showed that in each case the mothers who were attended by midwives or who were unattended were also foreigners.

The following is a summary of the work accomplished and attempted during the year:

An additional Well Baby Station was opened by the Visiting Nurse Association and certain equipment was supplied by the Board of Health.

All Well Baby Stations and the Prenatal Clinic at Muhlenberg Hospital were advertised through the local newspaper and by means of posters which were displayed in appropriate places throughout the city. In addition, a letter was sent by the Board of Health to the mother of each baby born in Plainfield giving her the location of the Well Baby Stations.

Literature was sent to expectant mothers and to mothers of new babies.

The attendance at the Prenatal Clinic at Muhlenberg Hospital was increased over 200 per cent. this past year, due largely to the fact that a woman interne was placed in charge for a certain period. The Committee recommended that the employment of a woman interne be continued at the Hospital.

Through the co-operation of the Board of Education, six Enrollment Classes were held in May, in three of the schools for the purpose of examining children who were to enter school for the first time the following Fall. The reason the Enrollment Classes were held in the late Spring was to enable parents to remedy physical defects before the child was admitted to school in September.

As the result of these classes, 239 children were examined and the following defects found:

Unvaccinated children . . . . .	161
Dental care needed . . . . .	110
Enlarged tonsils and adenoids . . . . .	88
Underweight for height . . . . .	50
Enlarged glands . . . . .	28
Poor posture and some slight deformity . . . . .	11
Skin trouble . . . . .	6
Heart condition . . . . .	5
Infected or crossed eyes . . . . .	4
Anemia . . . . .	3
Infantile paralysis . . . . .	3
Very bad hernia . . . . .	2
Ear trouble . . . . .	1

It is a recognized fact that mouth hygiene plays an important part in the health of the child and the work of preserving the teeth should begin while the child has his first teeth. It will be noted that 110 of the 239 children examined in the Enrollment Classes were in need of immediate dental care. With this in mind and realizing that more than half of the children do not reach the dentist until it is too late to do anything but extract, the importance of prophylactic dental care in children of preschool age was emphasized in the local newspapers, at meetings of various women's organizations, including the Parent-Teacher's Association and Mother's Club, in addition to one or two men's clubs. The Dental Association was also urged to conduct an educational campaign.

The matter of immunization against Diphtheria was considered and the Committee went on record as favoring the Schick-testing of children of preschool age as well as those attending school.

Detailed information in regard to births, still-births and deaths, will be

found in the Health Officer's report, but attention is called to a few pertinent figures:

Of the 41 deaths of infants under one year of age, twelve were colored and twelve were born of foreign white parents. Nine of the babies were twins (three pairs and three singles).

A history of each death was secured and a study of same shows that 10 deaths may possibly be attributed to lack of prenatal care.

Of the 24 still-births, 8 were born of native white parents, 8 of foreign white parents, and 8 were colored.

The committee realizes that the basis of a successful program of baby-saving must be prevention rather than cure of disease, and if the lowered death rate—58 per thousand births as against 75 for each of the two preceding years—may be considered an indication of the value of the work, the Committee feels that every effort must be continued to further develop this program.

Respectfully submitted,

ANITA S. QUARLES,  
Chairman.

# REPORT OF SHADE TREE COMMISSION

December 24, 1924.

The Honorable, the Mayor, and Common Council.

Gentlemen:

The Shade Tree Commission desires to take advantage of this occasion to inaugurate the custom of presenting an annual report to the Council, so that it will be given proper publicity, and more fully put you in touch with this very important part of the City Government.

The Commission at the beginning of the year inaugurated the policy of close co-operation of the Shade Tree Commission with the other departments of the city which had work of a similar character; and after consultation with the Streets and Sewers Committee of the Council, arrangements were made with City Engineer Vars, by which he could act as Executive Engineer of the Shade Tree Commission, thus bringing under one directive head the Shade Tree Commission, Streets and Sewers Department and Greenbrook Park, which has proved very satisfactory, and enabled us to utilize the equipment that the city owns for work of this character, to the best advantage.

An inventory of the physical equipment of the Shade Tree Commission was made, which was found to be entirely inadequate for the work, without even suitable sprayers, and in co-operation with the Parks and Buildings Committee, a high power sprayer was purchased, each committee sharing equally in the expense. This year's program will require the purchase of a small auto truck for the purpose of transporting men and materials to the place of work.

A physical survey was made of all the trees, and we regret to report a very serious condition. Inspection was made by Mr. R. Sidney Durant of the Union County Park Commission, and Mr. Nassaux, a forester of national repute. We quote their conclusions:

"First, the great variety and condition of health of the trees—It seems to us that there is too large a variety of trees. Fewer varieties would offer more economical methods of care, especially in the use of sprays. All grown trees, with the exception of willows and poplars would, of course, have to be retained, but immediate action should be taken to put under control the variety of trees to be planted in the future.

"Second, damage done by storms, careless pruning, insects, pests, diseases, and electric wires—In our opinion, based on actual count, two trees out of every ten have been killed outright, or permanently injured; five trees out of every ten have been injured.

"Third, state and efficiency of work done in this respect—It is evident that scientific treatment and pruning have been neglected. Few, if any trees are completely done. Cuts are not close enough to the tree trunk or branch, and paint is seldom if ever applied.

"We would recommend that a competent trimmer, who can detect diseases and insects be employed, and his judgment taken in all matters of such nature. If the foregoing recommendations can be put into effect and rigidly enforced, Plainfield can have shade trees that are unsurpassed. More trees can, and should be planted. Some streets, especially in newly developed sections, are entirely devoid of shade. On these streets the variety and spacing of trees should be controlled by the Commission. On some streets the trees are too crowded, but where these are old trees, thinning should be done with great care, lest by suddenly letting in too strong sunlight, the soil becomes packed and dry. Old trees develop slowly, and are not likely to efficiently close up openings made by the removal of crowded trees."

The above report was made last spring, and as a result, the services of a competent trimmer were secured, and the work done for the balance of the year has been in accordance with best practice.



The situation, however, is very serious, no new planting having been done for many, many years, and with present trees dying off rapidly, and not sufficient appropriations to even take care of the trees that we have.

An important bit of work we haven't the money to do, is to make a complete inventory of each and every tree, noting its location and physical condition on a map of very large scale.

If prompt action is not taken in the near future, in ten years from now Plainfield will be virtually treeless. There has been a large amount of individual replanting, but more than half of this has been of no permanent value, because where trees are planted between the curb and the sidewalk, they will only grow up as far as the wires which lie above them, and there they will be slowly killed off. The trees of Plainfield are a heritage of the present generation, and it is our duty to pass them on.

The Shade Tree Commission recommends that next year's budget carry an appropriation of \$15,000, \$10,000 to be applied against maintenance, and \$5,000 against new planting, part of which can be returned in the form of assessments.

## LIBRARY SQUARE

The Commission feels very much gratified at the improved showing of Library Square and City Hall Park over former years, which has been made possible by the greater resources of the Commission.

Your Honorable Body granted our petition for an appropriation of \$6,000 for the improvement of Library Square, which, however, was so late in the year, that it was not practical to get the work done before frost. This will be taken up in the spring and pushed forward to completion.

The Commission also desires to express its deep appreciation for the splendid service rendered to the Commission by City Engineer A. W. Vars, who from a very high sense of civic duty, undertook the responsibility of directing the staff of the Shade Tree Commission without added compensation. Plainfield is to be congratulated on having such a fine capable type of man on her official staff.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT

### RECEIPTS

Budget Appropriation, Shade Tree Commission .....	\$6,000.00
Emergency Note . . . . .	1,500.00
	<u>\$7,500.00</u>

#### Receipts as follows:

Received for trimming and removing trees.....	\$ 29.00
Received from sale of wood.....	82.00
Refund from the State Insuring Agency .....	46.11
	<u>157.11</u>
	<u><u>\$7,657.11</u></u>

### DISBURSEMENTS

Paid for labor, team work, etc. ....	\$5,881.99
Paid for tools, chemicals, power sprayer, etc. ....	1,021.75
Paid for horse maintenance .....	281.78
Paid for maintenance of Library Square .....	399.88
	<u>7,585.40</u>
Balance to Surplus Revenue .....	71.71
	<u><u>\$7,657.11</u></u>

Respectfully submitted,

HORACE A. STAPLES,  
HERMAN KLING,  
JETSON F. DYER,

Shade Tree Commission.

# REPORT OF PUBLIC LIBRARY AND READING ROOM

To the Honorable, the Common Council of the City of Plainfield.  
Gentlemen:

The Board of Directors of the Plainfield Public Library and Reading Room, pursuant to the provisions of law in that behalf, hereby make this their Annual Report, stating the conditions of their trust on the first day of June, 1924.

The following, showing the receipts and expenditures of money verified by the affidavit of the Treasurer, exhibits the sum of money received from the Library Fund and from other sources, and how much moneys have been expended and for what purposes. (Signed) A. GILBERT, President.

## REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE PLAINFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY AND READING ROOM

For the Year Ending May 31, 1924

### GENERAL LIBRARY FUND

#### Receipts

Taxes, 1923 . . . . .	\$21,000.00
Taxes, 1924 . . . . .	7,000.00
Bank interest . . . . .	250.88
Petty Cash Receipts:	
Fines . . . . .	\$581.51
Pay Collection . . . . .	829.05
Non-resident Subscriptions . . . . .	121.50
Replacing lost or injured books . . . . .	118.67
Sale of old papers . . . . .	82.62
Telephone (private calls) . . . . .	4.05
Refund from B. S. L. account . . . . .	29.56
Refund from Tyler account . . . . .	31.05
	<u>1,798.01</u>
Total receipts . . . . .	\$30,048.89
Balance on hand May 31, 1923 . . . . .	258.23
Aggregate . . . . .	<u>\$30,307.12</u>

#### Disbursements

Administration:	
Books . . . . .	\$2,936.58
Pay Collection books . . . . .	826.76
Music . . . . .	63.84
Subscriptions to periodicals . . . . .	688.08
Binding . . . . .	555.58
Stationery, printing, postage, etc. . . . .	338.96
Library supplies . . . . .	511.11
Advertising . . . . .	133.50
Miscellaneous:	
Expenses attending library meetings . . . . .	71.54
Rental safe deposit box and bank charges . . . . .	6.50
Fee for janitor as special police . . . . .	5.00
	<u>\$ 6,137.45</u>
Maintenance:	
Fuel . . . . .	\$1,444.58
Light . . . . .	438.99
Repairs . . . . .	1,878.06
Insurance . . . . .	570.95
Telephone . . . . .	74.00
Water . . . . .	65.05
Ashes . . . . .	60.40
	<u>4,532.03</u>
Salaries:	
Librarian and assistants . . . . .	\$10,129.02
Janitors . . . . .	1,686.95
	<u>11,815.97</u>
Total disbursements . . . . .	\$22,485.45
Balance on hand, May 31, 1924 . . . . .	7,821.67
	<u>\$30,307.12</u>

June 1, 1924.

# BABCOCK INCOME FUND

## Receipts

Interest at 5½% on Cropsey Const. Co. mortgage.....	\$330.00
Interest at 6% Madison Avenue property mortgage .....	600.00
Total receipts . . . . .	\$ 930.00
Balance on hand, June 1, 1923 .....	360.45
Aggregate . . . . .	<u>\$1,290.45</u>

## Disbursements

Books . . . . .	\$251.35
Subscriptions to periodicals .....	589.75
Binding . . . . .	133.50
Printed catalog cards . . . . .	23.00
Express . . . . .	1.65
Total disbursements . . . . .	\$ 999.25
Balance on hand June 1, 1924 .....	291.20
	<u>\$1,290.45</u>

# ART GALLERY EXHIBITION FUND

## Receipts

Commission from Miss Nonrad's sales .....	\$ 9.50
Bank interest . . . . .	12.30
Total receipts . . . . .	\$ 21.80
Balance on hand, June 1, 1923 .....	201.17
Balance on hand, June 1, 1924 .....	\$ 222.97

# MRS. G. H. BABCOCK CATALOG FUND, INCOME ACCOUNT

## Receipts

Interest at 6%, Van Zandt & Voorhees Participation Mortgage	\$ 96.00
Bank interest . . . . .	9.78
Total receipts . . . . .	\$ 105.78
Balance on hand, June 1, 1923 .....	60.48
Balance on hand, June 1, 1924 .....	\$ 166.26

# THE MASON W. TYLER FUND, INCOME ACCOUNT

## Receipts

Interest at 6% on invested principal .....	\$ 600.00
Interest at 5½% on Rosenbaum Participation Mortgage.....	11.92
Bank interest . . . . .	32.75
Total receipts . . . . .	\$ 644.67
Balance on hand, May 31, 1923 .....	2,149.55
Aggregate . . . . .	<u>\$2,794.22</u>

## Disbursements

Investment in Rosenbaum Participation Mortgage .....	\$1,000.00
Books . . . . .	276.78
Subscriptions to periodicals .....	11.00
Binding . . . . .	1.50
Printed catalog cards .....	7.50
Express . . . . .	.45
Total disbursements . . . . .	\$1,297.23
Balance on hand, June 1, 1924 .....	1,496.99
	<u>\$2,794.22</u>

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) JOHN M. WHITON,  
Asst. Treasurer.

June 1, 1924.

State of New Jersey: ss.  
County of Union

John M. Whiton, being first duly sworn, says that the above account is just and true both for the charge and discharge thereof, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

(Signed) JOHN M. WHITON,  
Asst. Treasurer.

Sworn and subscribed to before me  
this third day of June, 1924.

(Signed) ARTHUR E. CRONE,  
Notary Public of New Jersey.

# STATISTICS IN FORM ADOPTED BY THE AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION—ANNUAL REPORT

For Year Ended May 31, 1924

## PLAINFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY AND READING-ROOM PLAINFIELD, NEW JERSEY

Florence M. Bowman, Librarian

Date of founding .....	1881
Population served, 1923 .....	29,426
Assessed valuation of city, 1923 .....	\$43,267,174
Rate of tax levy for library purposes, 1923 .....	48.5 per cent of mill
Assessed valuation is what per cent of true cash value.....	

Terms for use:

Free for lending	
Free for reference	
Subscription to those outside city limits	
Total number of agencies .....	5

Consisting of:

Central library .....	1
Deposit stations .....	4
Collections sent out to schools and clubs as requested.....	
Number of days open during year (Central Library).....	363
Hours open each week for lending (Central Library).....	76
Hours open each week for reading (Central Library) .....	76

### BOOK STOCK

	Adult	Juvenile	Total
Number of volumes at beginning of year.....	62,423	10,513	72,936
Number of volumes added by purchase.....	1,113	750	1,863
Number of volumes added by gift or exchange.....	120	22	142
Number of volumes added by binding material not otherwise counted .....	167		167
Total .....	63,823	11,285	75,108
Number of volumes lost or withdrawn .....	4,732	4,054	8,786
Total number at end of year .....	59,091	7,231	66,322
Number of volumes in reference department .....			14,641
Number of pictures, photographs and prints added during the year.....			80
Total number of pictures, photographs and prints at end of year.....			5,486
Other additions:			
Music .....			2,259
Number of newspapers, periodicals, proceedings and transactions of learned societies currently received .....			309

### USE

	Adult	Juvenile	Total
Number of volumes of fiction lent for home use .....	40,915	27,929	68,844
Total number of volumes lent for home use.....	73,868	47,234	121,102
Per cent fiction lent of total volumes lent.....	33.78	23.06	56.84
Circulation per capita .....			4 volumes
Number of pictures, photographs and prints lent for home use.....			3,877
Other circulation:			
Music .....			3,223
Pay Collection .....			9,187
Number of persons using library for reading and study.....			102,539

### REGISTRATION

	Adult	Juvenile	Total
Number of borrowers registered during year.....	561	1,076	1,637
Total number of registered borrowers .....	9,370	8,374	17,734
Registration period, years .....			5
Per cent registered borrowers of population served.....			60
Number of staff, library service.....	9 full time, 1 part time		
Number of staff, janitor service.....	1 full time, 1 part time		

Respectfully submitted,

The Board of Directors of the  
Plainfield Public Library and Reading Room.

by  
(Signed) J. M. WHITON,  
Secretary.  
(Signed) ALEXANDER GILBERT,  
President.



# REPORT OF PUBLIC RECREATION COMMISSION

To the Honorable, the Mayor, and Common Council of the City of Plainfield:

The Board of Public Recreation Commissioners submits herewith the annual report of the public recreation work for the year ending December 31, 1924.

As the purpose of the Commission is becoming better known, the activities are increasing to the point where practically every family in the city has in some way been reached by the program. The increased attendance of those participating in the last year, over the first seven months of 1923, indicates the progress the department has made in the short time it has been operating on a year-round basis.

The following number of persons actually had a part in the activities:

Playgrounds—8 Weeks:	
Irving . . . . .	7,562
Franklin . . . . .	7,247
Bryant . . . . .	6,149
Emerson . . . . .	5,564
East End Field . . . . .	1,748
High School Field . . . . .	2,593
Mack Field . . . . .	3,318
Lincoln—5 weeks . . . . .	2,725
High School Swimming Pool—4 weeks . . . . .	6,471
Training Course . . . . .	82
	<hr/> 43,459
Other Organized Activities:	
Music—Band concerts, Music Week, etc. . . . .	30,386
Athletic Competitors . . . . .	12,761
Athletic Spectators . . . . .	44,688
Committees . . . . .	1,514
Dramatics . . . . .	3,847
Recreation Center . . . . .	1,540
Social and Entertainment . . . . .	1,709
Holiday Celebrations . . . . .	26,375
	<hr/> 122,620
Total . . . . .	<hr/> 166,079

Notice is again respectfully drawn to the fact that with the exception of the band concerts the entire adult recreational program was self-supporting.

## Playgrounds

Eight playgrounds were conducted during the months of July and August, and a good report is shown. A new system for Plainfield was inaugurated by placing a man instead of a lady in charge of the Irving playground. The results shown proved that it would be an excellent plan to provide funds to place men in charge of all the school playgrounds in the city.

Excellent co-operation was had from the Irving, Bryant, and Emerson Parent Teachers' Associations. Committees on these three grounds provided sewing teachers, and many useful articles were made by the children. An exhibition was held in the window of the Plainfield Trust Company at the close of the course.

There was inter-playground competition during the season in volley, long, and dodge ball, quoits, and checkers. A Field Day was held at the close of the eight week period at the High School Field and several hundred children participated.

A picnic was featured near the middle of the term, and several bus loads of children spent a full day at the Elms. Good things to eat, swimming, sports, and games were the order of the occasion.

The Junior baseball program was a success. Leagues were conducted on the East End, High School and Mack Fields. At the close of the schedule, a three game series was played between the East and West End leagues. The East End boys took the championship; and Buck & Benny, the local sport

dealers, financed a trip to the Yankee Stadium for the leaders in the High School Field league and the East End nine.

With the co-operation of George Simon, a local bicycle dealer, the junior bicycle races were held and much interest shown.

A city tournament was held in marbles, hop-scotch, and jacks in which over a thousand boys and girls participated. After the city championship had been decided, the state tourney was held in Plainfield; and eight cities sent their best representatives to compete. The state honors in Jacks went to Newark, while Plainfield captured the marbles and hop-scotch titles.

### *High School Swimming Pool*

In co-operation with the Board of Education the high school swimming pool was opened during the last four weeks in August and proved very popular with the boys and girls. The following schedule was maintained: Every morning for girls, every afternoon for boys, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday evenings for women, and Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday evenings for men.

### *Playground Training Course*

A course in playground theory and practice was conducted for the second season. Sixteen registrations were received, and ten certificates were awarded at the close of the course. Some of the graduates will be placed in paid positions next year.

### *Baseball*

In addition to the four junior leagues, three adult circuits were operated successfully. The Industrial League of eight teams proved interesting and the championship was won by the International Mack Motor Corp., which also won the city and state industrial honors as well. The City League title was won by the merchants, and the Inter-City by the South Plainfield A. A.

### *Tennis*

Owing to the popularity of the tennis courts at the High School Field it became necessary to give permits to those desiring to play. Over nine hundred cards were issued during July and August, and as many double sets were played on a single permit, as well as many playing mornings without permits, it is estimated that over three thousand people played on these four courts during the nine week period.

A men's open tournament was held with a good enrollment. A Junior tournament for boys was also conducted.

### *Horseshoe and Quoit Pitching*

Leagues in these sports have been successfully promoted among the Bible classes in the city. Prizes were awarded the teams taking first place and also for the individuals making the greatest number of ringers.

### *Soccer*

The Industrial Soccer League had a good season, but was unable to play the last two games on the schedule on account of weather conditions. However, the team representing the Walter Scott Company won the championship. In addition to being awarded the John Doughty cup trophy, the league presented each man on the winning team with a gold football made up as a watch charm.

### *Bowling*

Four leagues operated during the season of 1923-24, but owing to the shortage of alleys it was only possible to organize the Industrial and Bible class leagues for 1924-25.

### *Basketball*

This indoor court game is proving very popular. All the leagues organized during the season 1923-24, finished a successful season, ending in a city championship, which was won by the Queen City Wheelmen. A foul shooting contest was also staged, which brought out a large number of contestants.

For the season 1924-25 twelve adult teams of men are playing and a league of employed girls of four teams has also been organized. Together with the three junior leagues of six teams each a total of thirty-four teams is playing under the supervision of the department, and all are self-supporting. The co-operation of the Board of Education, Y. M. C. A. and Y. M. H. A. makes this program possible.

#### *National Music Week*

The National Week of Music was observed in Plainfield, and by all the musical organizations co-operating, an excellent program was given each night of the week. A few over five thousand enjoyed this program.

#### *Band Concerts*

In co-operation with the Chamber of Commerce a series of eight band concerts were given by the Liberty Band in Library Park. These concerts were well attended and drew many people from the surrounding towns.

#### *Plainfield Recreation Association*

This association, sponsoring a program of music, social and dramatics, has done much to build up a closer spirit of co-operation among the colored citizens in Plainfield. The Coleridge Taylor Recreation Chorus presented four large concerts and several smaller ones to large audiences. A much larger program is being planned for 1925.

#### *Holiday Celebrations*

The Allied Patriotic Societies, representing sixteen different local patriotic organizations, was formed to celebrate patriotic holidays insofar as not to conflict with other organizations constituted for that purpose.

The Washington birthday and Fourth of July Celebrations were promoted by this group. The Fourth of July Observance was especially successful; and the program consisted of a large parade, speaking, pageant, athletic meet, band concert, and fireworks display.

The Hallowe'en celebration was promoted by a representative committee from local organizations and took the form of a costume parade. Thirty prizes were contributed by the business men. The success of the enterprize stamped it as an annual affair for the future.

The Plainfield Garden Club presented the City of Plainfield with a permanent evergreen tree which was trimmed with electric lights and illuminated every evening from Christmas through New Year's. Christmas carols were sung about the tree on Christmas Eve.

#### *Recreation Center*

The West End Recreation Center was organized early in the year and after a three months' trial period, opened again in the Fall. The following activities are held weekly in the Washington School: Dressmaking, needle work, basketry, paper work, millinery, dancing classes, and tournaments in cards and quoits. A social hour is held from 9.30 to 11.00 p. m. following the class work. Several card and dancing socials have been conducted.

#### *Dramatics*

The Community Players were organized early in the year, and excellent work has been accomplished by this group. In addition to giving regular performances, they have furnished short sketches for other organizations and provided directors for community wide programs. A play reading section has been established and interest manifested. The purpose of the organization is to give those desiring the opportunity the privilege of self-expression through dramatic art.

#### *The Advisory Council*

The Advisory Council to the Recreation Commission continues to be of great help to the director and the Commissioners in expressing the point of view of the citizens and suggesting new thoughts and methods.



The Recreation Commission believes that the success of the year has been due to the earnest and whole-hearted co-operation of all the different organizations, groups, and institutions in the city.

An expression of appreciation is herewith extended to the Mayor and Common Council for the co-operation and support accorded this department in the last twelve months.

Respectfully submitted,

A. B. JONES, President,  
JOSEPH A. GALLAGHER, Secretary,  
A. L. SEIDLER, Treasurer,  
C. D. WARDLAW,  
WILLIAM B. FORT, M. D.

# **TREASURER'S REPORT**

**December 31, 1924**

## **RECEIPTS**

Balance on hand (Contributions) .....	\$ 911.89
Annual appropriation .....	5,000.00
Receipts from ball game for Bat and Ball Fund .....	40.75
Receipts from picnic .....	33.81
Sale of textbooks .....	\$2.75
Bus tickets .....	8.20
Entry fees .....	1.20
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Refund from Board of Education on Swimming Pool account.....	12.15
Interest on deposits .....	208.11
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Total .....	\$6,217.56

## **DISBURSEMENTS**

Irving Playground:		
Linsey Bohl, Supervisor .....	\$ 140.00	
Equipment .....	31.90	
Sand .....	7.77	
Labor .....	8.40	
	<hr/>	\$ 188.07
Franklin Playground:		
Dorothy Halstead, Supervisor .....	\$ 140.00	
Equipment .....	31.91	
Sand .....	7.77	
Labor .....	8.40	
	<hr/>	188.08
Bryant Playground:		
Jeanette Lynch, Supervisor .....	\$ 140.00	
Equipment .....	31.91	
Sand .....	7.47	
Labor .....	8.40	
	<hr/>	187.78
Lincoln Playground—5 Weeks:		
Sarah Scott, Supervisor .....	\$ 75.00	
Equipment .....	53.11	
Sand .....	6.35	
Labor .....	8.40	
	<hr/>	142.86
Emerson Playground		
Katherine Leary, Supervisor .....	\$ 140.00	
Equipment .....	31.91	
Sand .....	7.32	
Labor .....	8.40	
	<hr/>	187.63
Mack Field:		
Marlow Solomon, Supervisor .....	\$ 150.00	
Equipment .....	59.19	
	<hr/>	209.19
High School Field:		
Herbert A. Stine, Supervisor .....	\$ 280.00	
Equipment .....	63.38	
Labor .....	7.00	
	<hr/>	350.38
East End Field:		
Raymond P. Lewis, Supervisor .....	\$ 120.00	
Equipment .....	60.75	
	<hr/>	180.75
High School Swimming Pool—4 Weeks:		
Alfred Thorne, Jr., Life Guard .....	\$ 80.00	
Kathleen Phillips, Life Guard .....	75.00	
Raymond Mosher, Locker room supervisor .....	48.00	
Equipment—keys and soap .....	5.11	
	<hr/>	208.11



Picnic . . . . .		35.55
Bus hire for special activities . . . . .		40.00
Ice Carnival . . . . .		58.55
Field Day . . . . .		12.55
Junior basketball officiating . . . . .		22.50
Administration:		
F. S. Mathewson, Director . . . . .	\$3,000.00	
First Aid supplies . . . . .	8.01	
Dues to Playground and Recreation Association of America and Child Welfare Council . . . . .	11.00	
Stationery, printing and office supplies . . . . .	140.73	
Typing and mimeographing . . . . .	43.80	
Telephone service . . . . .	136.72	
Allowance on automobile upkeep . . . . .	318.24	
Office furniture—book case . . . . .	12.00	
Trucking . . . . .	10.00	
Conference expenses . . . . .	59.95	
Labor . . . . .	8.31	
		<u>3,748.76</u>
Miscellaneous bills payable—Incurred previous to current year as shown in 1923 report:		
Laing Machine Auto Co. . . . .	\$ 21.76	
J. L. Manning . . . . .	79.46	
Plainfield Glass Company . . . . .	17.70	
The Toy Shop . . . . .	15.00	
Playground Recreation Association . . . . .	6.20	
Howard W. Boise . . . . .	55.41	
R. A. Fife Corp . . . . .	18.00	
Gertrude Hiltz . . . . .	2.73	
Herbert A. Stine . . . . .	6.00	
Marion Rose . . . . .	1.37	
		<u>223.63</u>
Total . . . . .		<u>\$5,984.39</u>
Total Receipts . . . . .	\$6,217.56	
Total Expenditures . . . . .	5,984.39	
		<u>233.17</u>
Balance in Bank . . . . .	\$	233.17
Bills Payable:		
E. H. Bird, Postmaster . . . . .	\$ 22.08	
E. V. Searing, Jr. . . . .	23.60	
Public Service Company . . . . .	40.36	
Marlow Solomon . . . . .	12.00	
		<u>98.04</u>
Actual Balance . . . . .	\$	135.13

Respectfully submitted,

A. L. SEIDLER,  
Treasurer.



